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Jihad: More suicide attacks soon

News agencies

CAIRO - Islamic Jihad plans to soon resume attacks on Israel like the suicide bombings that killed 59 people earlier this year, senior officials from the group were quoted yesterday as saying.

Suicide bombers from Islamic Jihad and Hamas carried out four separate attacks in Israel in February and March.

"The secretary-general of the Islamic Jihad, Dr. Ramadan Abdallah Shallah ... and other Islamic leaders expect these attacks to be resumed soon," the London-based Arabic daily al-Hayat reported.

But the paper said, "Shallah complained that the Palestinian Authority's intelligence bodies were chasing the group's activists, which makes the execution of suicide attacks against Israeli targets difficult."

Shallah said Palestinian police were "worse than the Israelis" in their treatment of prisoners.

Al-Hayat said Shallah was interviewed by chief editor Jihad Khazen during a Middle East tour. It did not say where it took place, but Islamic Jihad is based in Damascus.

Shallah said his group still wants to avenge the assassination of his predecessor, Fathi Shakaki, in Malta last October, an operation widely blamed on Israeli agents.

"It has become clear to us in recent months that we cannot wait much longer," he told Al-Hayat.

Meanwhile, a senior Islamic Jihad official in Gaza told a senior Palestinian source over the weekend that the group has gotten to the point where "there is no alternative to returning to the path the Zionist state understands: the Holy Jihad. Painful blows to the heart of the Zionist entity will embarrass the Netanyahu government and the corrupt, weak and shameful Palestinian Authority."

He said the average Palestinian's situation is now worse than it was during the intifada, and that the group would not hesitate to act against the PA if it tried to stop it.

Biran named Defense Ministry director-general

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

FORMER OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. (res.) Ilan Biran has been appointed the next director-general of the Defense Ministry, replacing David Ivry, the ministry announced last night.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has asked Ivry, who has been director-general for over a decade, to stay on at the ministry as special adviser. Ivry is expected to deal with strategic dialogue and foreign relations.

Biran is to take over on November 1, the ministry said. Ivry had been courted by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to head the National Security Council. But when it became clear that the council, which Mordechai staunchly opposed, would have limited influence, Netanyahu formed a scaled-down security team.

Ivry, 62, is well known among defense circles throughout the world. A former OC Air Force and deputy chief of staff, Ivry ran the Defense Ministry under five different ministers.

Mordechai praised Ivry's contribution to the state's security during the past decade and expressed satisfaction that Ivry would continue to contribute his vast experience in his new role.

Biran recently left the IDF after 32 years of service and is currently director-general of the Oil Refineries. A veteran Golani officer, Biran has held a variety of tasks in the IDF, including chief quartermaster general and head of the IDF officer's school.

As OC Central Command, Biran oversaw "Operation Rainbow," in which the IDF withdrew from densely populated Palestinian areas and handed them over to the Palestinian Authority.



Russian ultra-nationalists burn an American flag in front of the US Embassy in Moscow yesterday. The demonstrators demanded that the US stop its military involvement in the Gulf region. (Reuters)

Security cabinet signs declaration of secrecy

THE security cabinet members on Friday signed a declaration of secrecy, after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu censured them for the leaks that came out of the meeting held earlier last week.

After Wednesday's cabinet meeting, several members of the cabinet complained that they were not made privy to information regarding redeployment plans in Hebron and were only updated after Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was informed.

At Friday's meeting, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair reportedly told the ministers that information discussed in the meetings is classified and disclosing it is a crime. At the same time, Ben-Yair noted that since the establishment of the Netanyahu government there have not been many leaks and last week's incident was exceptional.

Ben-Yair emphasized to the ministers that in the past, investigations were launched and measures taken against those who leaked information from secret meetings.

Netanyahu told them that such leaks are "very grave" even if they are exceptional.

"If we have to fear leaks, it will not be possible to hold discussions on classified and sensitive subjects," he was quoted as saying.

He also said that in the future, he would consider launching investigations to determine the source of leaks.

As a result, Netanyahu asked all of the cabinet ministers to sign a declaration of secrecy.

Before the security cabinet meeting, the regular weekly cabinet meeting was held. It was shorter than usual and no foreign affairs or defense review was given. (Itim)

Yom Kippur starts tonight

HAIM SHAPIRO and JUDY SIEGEL

JEWES throughout the country will join their coreligionists around the world in marking Yom Kippur, which starts tonight. The holiday is marked by a 25-hour fast.

According to the Jerusalem Religious Council, the fast is to begin tonight at 5 p.m. and end tomorrow at 6:12 p.m. Special services are to be held in synagogues tonight and all day tomorrow. Thousands of worshippers are expected to come to the Western Wall in Jerusalem during the holiday.

Due to the holiday, security forces decided to impose a complete closure on Judea, Samaria and Gaza from Friday afternoon until 4 a.m. on Tuesday. Exceptions will be made only for pressing humanitarian reasons.

Yom Kippur is marked by a complete shutdown in all public services. Most offices will not open, while shops will close around noon. Radio and television go off the air, there are no flights taking off or landing at Ben-Gurion Airport, and buses stop running this afternoon.

The last train from Haifa to Tel Aviv is to leave at 11:30 a.m., and the last train from Tel Aviv to Haifa is to leave at noon. There will be no train service tomorrow night.

Hebron's Cave of the Patriarchs will be off-limits to non-Jews during Yom Kippur, the army said. On Tuesday, the cave will be open to both Muslims and Jews as usual.

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which should be eaten slowly. If you're still hungry two hours later, you could eat something more. Liquid intake should be gradual - no more than one and a half glasses an hour - to prevent a sudden change in blood concentration.

Meanwhile, according to a Soroka Hospital study, women who fast at the end of their pregnancy are more likely to give birth on Yom Kippur or the following day.

Healthy people can fast for 25 hours without major problems, but the elderly and the chronically ill should not do so without consulting their doctor. It is best not to fill the stomach suddenly with a very substantial pre-fast meal in the late afternoon, but to precede it with a meal around noon and then another one before the fast.

Potatoes, rice and pasta supply the body with long-standing energy. One should eat few proteins (such as eggs, meat, milk or fish), because their breakdown in the body causes extra excretion of water. Drinking fizzy beverages is not advised, because it gives the stomach a mistaken feeling of fullness; sweet beverages also are not desirable because they make one thirsty.

One should break the fast tomorrow night with a hot or cold drink and a piece of bread with honey or jam, according to Chalit experts. An hour later, one can eat a light meal,

IAF strikes at Hizbullah targets

IDF officer wounded in Sagger missile attack; monitoring committee to meet today

DAVID RUDGE

IAF WARPLANES blasted Hizbullah targets in south Lebanon yesterday - for the second time in 48 hours - following a Sagger missile attack inside the security zone in which an IDF officer was lightly wounded.

The officer, Lt. Shaul Avidor, who suffered a slight eye injury, was evacuated by helicopter to Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital.

Deputy hospital director Dr. Calm Shapira said the officer's condition was good, but it was decided to keep him under observation as a precaution.

"We hope there will be no complications and that we will be able to release him today [Sunday]," said Shapira.

The fighting yesterday further raised the level of tension in south Lebanon and the region generally following the fierce exchanges on Thursday in which two Golani Brigade soldiers were killed and eight others were wounded.

At least three Hizbullah gunmen, from a squad composed of over a dozen fighters, were killed and several others were believed to have been wounded in Thursday's clash with the elite Golani unit.

According to some reports, as many as 10 Hizbullah gunmen were killed in the encounter not far from the IDF's Soujoud position in the northeastern sector of the zone.

Hizbullah has so far admitted that two members of its fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, were killed in the exchanges.

The Hizbullah squad had apparently intended to carry out a big operation, possibly an attempt to launch a ground assault on either an IDF or South Lebanese Army outpost.

The Golani Brigade soldiers surprised the gunmen and thwarted the planned operation.

The officer wounded in the Sagger attack yesterday was involved in the fighting on Thursday, in which tanks and IDF gunners blasted Hizbullah positions north of the zone.

Avidor was in charge of the tank platoon which was responsible for giving covering fire for the evacuation of the Golani casualties from

the field. His crews are also believed to have hit some of the Hizbullah gunmen.

Officers in the Northern Command commended his action and his handling of the tank crews during the course of the fighting.

IAF warplanes twice struck at Hizbullah targets in the Jabal Saffi region during Thursday's fighting, and helicopter gunships were also in action.

The Sagger missile attack yesterday occurred in the northeastern sector of the zone - not far from the scene of the fighting around the Soujoud and Rehan area on Thursday.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for yesterday's attack, saying its fighters had fired several missiles at an IDF tank patrol.

The IDF spokesman said Avidor was lightly wounded as a result of anti-tank missile fire at an armored force on operational duties in the northeastern sector of the zone. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

According to reports from Lebanon, IDF gunners fired dozens of shells at several villages in the Jabal Saffi region, north of the zone, causing fires to break out. There were no immediate reports of any casualties.

Later, in the afternoon, IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Jabal Saffi region. The army spokesman said the pilots reported accurate hits and that all the planes returned safely.

Reports from Lebanon said the warplanes carried out four separate sorties in the region following search operations throughout the previous night by helicopter gunships.

According to the reports from Lebanon, the air searches continued intermittently yesterday. Beirut radio said the Israeli Navy had also increased patrols off the Lebanese coast and that the IDF had reinforced its troops, armor and artillery in the security zone.

There was no confirmation of these reports from any other sources.

The escalation in Hizbullah attacks in the past few days, following the conclusion of

Netanyahu: We'll hit back strongly against Hizbullah

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

ISRAEL will retaliate strongly to each and every Hizbullah attack. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said on Friday, while visiting five soldiers at Haifa's Rambam Hospital who were wounded in the clash with Hizbullah a day earlier.

Thousands attended the funeral on Friday of St.-Sgt. Zohar Mintz, 20, of Kiryat Bialik, who was killed in the clash. Mintz was buried in the military section of the Tsur Shalom Cemetery.

The other soldier killed on Thursday, Lt. Tsur Parnas, 21, of Moshav Kidron, will be buried today at 10 a.m. in the moshav cemetery.

The wounded soldiers' conditions improved over the weekend. Itamar Yedid is in satisfactory condition after undergoing surgery, hospital deputy director Dr. Zvi Ben-Yishai said last night. Naveh Rubin, Amir Ashkenazi, Yaniv Bruno and Chen Almousino, who are in the hospital's orthopedic ward, are also doing better, Ben-Yishai said.

"Just as these soldiers executed their operation quickly and extraordinarily well during the incident in Lebanon," Netanyahu said, the IDF will retaliate quickly and harshly against Hizbullah.

Netanyahu also called on Syria to curb Hizbullah's actions. Israel has established both discreet and open contacts with Syria in an effort to restart the peace talks with it, he added.

President Ezer Weizman also visited with the wounded soldiers and their families.

"Despite all the pain, I feel satisfied after meeting with the fighters and their families," Weizman said. "After these meetings and others, I am able to conclude that there is no drop in the motivation of the fighters."

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Five members of Samaria family killed in car crash

FIVE members of one family were killed yesterday afternoon in a car crash on the Nabius-Ma'aleh Ephraim road. Three other people were killed in weekend accidents, including a Border Police officer and a soldier.

The family, from Fara village in Samaria, was traveling in a taxi to the Jordan Valley region. At the Alton Junction, the father, who was driving the taxi, ran a stop sign and crashed into a ravine about 20 meters deep, crushing the car on the rocks below.

The father, mother and two children were killed in the crash. A Magen David Adom crew took two other children to the hospital,

but one died en route. The other, a two-year-old, was hospitalized in critical condition at Beilinson Hospital.

Supt. Shimon Ivry was killed and four other border policemen and three other people were injured in an accident Friday at the Adoraim junction, south of Hebron.

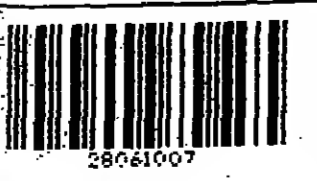
A Border Police vehicle traveling toward Beersheba swerved out of its lane and crashed head-on into a truck in the opposite lane, killing Ivry, who was driving. The four other border policemen suffered moderate to serious injuries, while the three people traveling in the truck suffered light to serious

injuries. Yigal Maloul, 32, a career soldier, was killed Friday morning when his car overturned on the Ramat Yishai-Beit Shearim road after swerving on a curve and slamming into a sand container.

One man was killed and two people were seriously hurt in an accident early yesterday morning on the Coastal Highway near Moshav Rishpon. The accident occurred when a car suddenly swerved into an iron post near the entrance to the Nof Yam neighborhood. The driver was killed and two others with serious injuries were taken to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. (Itim)



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# Mubarak accuses PM of breaking promise

BONN (Reuters) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of not keeping a promise to honor peace deals and warned of a new Palestinian uprising far worse than the intifada.

Mubarak told the German news magazine *Der Spiegel* that Netanyahu had promised him personally he would stick to agreements between Israel and the Palestinians signed by the previous government.

"But he is not keeping his promise," Mubarak told *Spiegel* in an interview released ahead of publication tomorrow.

"He was hardly back from [visiting me in] Cairo before he was telling the whole world he could not accept the results of negotiations reached with the Palestinians and approved by his predecessors," Mubarak said.

He said if Netanyahu did not honor the peace agreements, a repeat of the intifada was bound to take place.

"Planting time bombs such as the unfettered construction of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and ignoring treaties will lead to a new intifada sooner or later," he said. "And this time it won't be limited to throwing stones."

Mubarak pointed to the fact that Israel has not redeployed in Hebron and has approved plans to build more Jewish housing in the territories as flagrant violations of the peace accords.

Netanyahu, also interviewed by *Spiegel*, insisted his government would honor the agreements made by its Labor-led predecessors. "We'll stick to the treaties," he said. But he added that "the most dif-

ficult work is before us - such as the future of Jerusalem, Jewish settlements and the question as to whether there should be a Palestinian state. Our answers will certainly be different from those of my predecessors."

In an interview with Israel's Channel 2 broadcast on Friday, Mubarak said the key to renewed talks between Israel and Syria were linked to peace deals with the Palestinians.

Syria, Mubarak said, "wants to see advancement, Syria has doubts...and so I say show faith with the Palestinians, help them so you can speak with other Arab nations."

Mubarak said he wanted the regional economic summit planned to take place in Cairo in November to go ahead. Egypt had threatened earlier to cancel the conference if Israel didn't make progress in the peace process.



Palestinians demonstrating yesterday at Rachel's Tomb held up placards calling for an end to settlements and the freeing of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. March organizers ensured the demonstration was peaceful, but threatened that future action might not be.

## UNDOF commander: No unusual activity on Golan

DAVID RUDGE

THE situation on the Golan is calm with no signs of any unusual activities on either the Syrian or Israeli sides, Maj.-Gen. Johannes Koster, commander of the UN Disengagement Observer Force on the Golan (UNDOF), told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday.

Koster, who is stationed at UNDOF's headquarters in Damascus, made a special crossing to the Israeli side at Kametza for the interview at the request of the *Post*. He made the crossing via the Syrian sector of Mt. Hermon, where "I had to solve a small problem," and through UNDOF's lines to the meeting which was also attended by Channel 2 television.

Koster, from the Netherlands, said it was his first interview with the Israeli press since he took over as commander of UNDOF 18 months ago.

He stressed in the interview, held at UNDOF's Camp Zionani, the force's main base on the Israeli side of the border, that there had not been any increase in tension or change in the military situation on the Golan.

"I deal always in facts in my area, meaning the Golan Heights from Mt. Hermon on the one side to the Jordan border on the other. In this area, there are no unusual things," said Koster, relating to reports of troop movements on the Israeli and Syrian sides of the border.

"There are the normal small incidents that we deal with each day. Even this week we had our normal inspections. Looking at the inspections of the last two months, the levels of troops, tanks, artillery, missiles and all these kind of things, are the same," Koster said.

"We noted, of course, that there were some exercises, even this week, on the Israeli side, and also a few weeks ago on the Syrian

side, but they are normal routine. "So from my point of view, on the Golan areas as such, there is no buildup of troops, no buildup of tension, so I cannot support the reports in the newspapers."

He said he was "very pleased to say that both countries and both armies are really sticking to the rules. Of course, now and then, there are small incidents which we are there to solve." UNDOF was established in 1974 to maintain the cease-fire agreement between Israel and Syria. Under the terms of the agreement, there is separation between Israel and Syria stretching 80km, which varies in width from 14 km in the north to just 300 meters in the south near the Jordan border. Both Syria and Israel are forbidden to deploy any troops, armor, or artillery or fly over this area.

UNDOF, composed of 1,050 personnel from four contributing countries, Canada, Japan, Poland and Austria, carries out weekly inspections on both sides to ensure Israel and Syria are adher-

## Arafat appeals to German investors to help in 2000 celebrations

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - Yasser Arafat called on German industrialists on Friday to invest in Palestinian self-rule areas, singling out the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus as an opportunity for their involvement.

"We need your support, and the support of all our friends around the world, to prepare a great celebration to reflect the outstanding status of Jesus Christ," the Palestinian president told the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Frankfurt.

Arafat, a Moslem whose wife is a Christian, said the anniversary would be a great international occasion but the newly autonomous Palestinian authorities had neither the money nor the know-how to organize it alone.

He said he expected millions to flock to Bethlehem, now under Palestinian self-rule, for the start of the Third Millennium of the

Christian era.

"Three years is not a long time," Arafat told his audience in Germany's financial capital. "We appeal to you... for valuable help to ensure we can celebrate this great historic and religious occasion appropriately."

The Palestinian leader received a warm ovation from the industrialists but Lothar Klemm, the economics minister for the state of Hesse which includes Frankfurt, spoke for many business leaders in mentioning the precarious peace in the Middle East.

"A market which is not yet characterized by peace and political stability remains a difficult one," he said.

Arafat was due to meet representatives from some of Germany's biggest banks later in the day and held talks with managers at Frankfurt airport about the possibility of their help in an airport project in Gaza.

## Arafat says he'll take advice to be patient with new government

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP) - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Friday he had "taken to heart" advice from the leader of Germany's Jews to have patience with Israel's new government.

During a one-hour meeting, Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, warned Arafat against overreaction and suggested trust-building measures and patience.

Arafat told journalists he had "taken very much to heart" Bubis's views and was sure the meeting would have a positive effect on the Middle East peace process.

Bubis said he cautioned Arafat against statements that in themselves hurt the peace process. Although he said he had no right to speak for Israel, Bubis, a 70-year-old survivor of the Holocaust, said he knows the opinion of the Israeli people: "There is no alternative to peace."

Israel and the Palestinians are the "most natural partners" for building political and economic stability in the region, Bubis said. He echoed Arafat's own words in saying, "Without economic stability peace will not last."

## IAF helicopter mistakenly attacked IDF post in Lebanon

AN IDF attack helicopter fired at an Israeli position in South Lebanon during mop-up operations last Thursday, following the clash with Hizbullah gunmen in which two IDF soldiers were killed and eight wounded, the army said.

The army said the chopper fired at an embankment of a position in the eastern sector of the security zone, causing damage or injuries. The army did not say whether the helicopter fired missiles or heavy machine guns at the position.

It was not clear what prompted the helicopter to open fire at the IDF position, and the air force and Northern Command are to launch an investigation into the mishap immediately after Yom Kippur.

Helicopter gunships, which have a reputation of being highly accurate, were called in to strafe Hizbullah positions in South Lebanon after the deadly firefight.

Arieh O'Sullivan

## Lebanese execute man convicted of being Israeli spy

BEIRUT (AP) - A man accused of being an Israeli intelligence agent and convicted of masterminding a 1994 car-bombing in Beirut was executed by firing squad at dawn yesterday, just after the prayers that start the Islamic day.

Ahmed Hallaq, a 43-year-old Lebanese Shi'ite Moslem, was taken to the main courtyard of suburban Roumieh prison, where he had been jailed, and shot by a 12-man firing squad.

It was Lebanon's first execution of an alleged Israeli secret service agent - and the sixth since Lebanon restored the death penalty in 1994 in an attempt to stem violence after the 1975-90 civil war. The others who were executed were convicted of mpolitical murders.

In his last wishes an hour before his execution, Hallaq asked to see

his family and to be given two tranquilizer pills. Roumieh prison officials said. Both requests were granted.

He asked his four children to forgive him, and he asked his brother to bury him in the family cemetery.

President Elias Hrawi on Thursday refused Hallaq's last-minute plea for clemency and confirmed his execution. In Lebanon, only the president is empowered to commute death sentences.

Hallaq was sentenced to death by a Beirut criminal court in June after being convicted of organizing the December 21, 1994, blast in the Hizbullah stronghold of south Beirut. Three people died in the explosion.

The court's verdict said Hallaq was recruited by Mossad agents in the security zone and was instructed to carry out the car-bombing

for an unspecified amount of money.

Hallaq had pleaded guilty to the bombing charge.

Among the victims of the explosion was Fuad Mughniyeh, younger brother of Lebanon's notorious hostage-taker, Imad Mughniyeh.

Lebanese police theorized the bombing was aimed at killing Imad Mughniyeh, who headed Hizbullah's security apparatus and is accused of masterminding the kidnapping of Western hostages in Beirut in the 1980s.

Israel has declined comment on whether it had any ties to Hallaq.

Hallaq's wife, tried separately, is serving 15 years at hard labor after being convicted in the bombing.

Another convicted accomplice was sentenced to 10 years of hard labor. A third suspect was acquitted.

## PA official wants map showing where 'Israeli listening devices' are located

BRIG.-GEN. Amin Hindi, the head of the Palestinian Authority's General Intelligence Service, said yesterday that he has asked foreign diplomatic sources to persuade Israel to provide maps of all Gaza buildings, detailing the location of listening devices planted in them.

"We have asked Arab and foreign friends to help us take these devices out," Hindi said in an interview with the Ramallah daily *Al-Ayyam*.

He said that the Israeli motive in planting the bugs was to "make us suspicious all the time and show us there are collaborators transferring information."

Since a listening device near Gaza police headquarters exploded two weeks ago, killing a sapper, police have conducted a search for more devices they say Israel planted just before the IDF withdrew from Gaza in 1994.

Israel, which supplies Gaza with its telephone lines, has not admitted to planting the devices, and Western diplomatic sources have said there is no way of knowing whether Israel planted them or whether the highly competitive Palestinian security agencies were spying on one another.

## French to push Netanyahu for progress in peace process

ELDAD BECK

PARIS

JUST days before Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu launches his first diplomatic tour of Europe, France has stressed it is urgent to rapidly advance the peace process.

The French say the slightest skid in it will be a catastrophe, since it will derail for years the momentum toward peace.

Netanyahu starts his trip Tuesday, and will visit the UK, France and Germany.

French officials told *The Jerusalem Post* that during the talks he will hold Wednesday with President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Alain Juppe, the two will tell him the time has come to make real progress in the peace process.

"We aren't too worried about the

future of the process, since the current Israeli government made clear to us, through Foreign Minister David Levy, that it is engaging in the process and that it will respect all the commitments [made by the previous government], but the process requires actions and not only declarations," a senior French official said.

He added that France does not intend to intervene in the negotiations, but the French administration is ready to transmit messages between the parties to help renew the process.

The official said Paris has already transmitted to Damascus an oral message from Levy about

Israel's readiness to resume talks with Syria. According to the official, France is trying to convince Syria to be more flexible about resuming the talks.

One of the purposes of Chirac's visit to the Middle East at the end of October will be to insist on the need for all parties - mainly Syria, Lebanon and Israel - to participate in the peace talks.

"Since Israel and Syria declared their readiness to resume the talks, there shouldn't be any major obstacle to do that," the official said. The French government considers the Likud government's commitment to respect all the previous commitments as "immense progress," but stresses that this must be followed by concrete actions.

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Lebanon's elections, did not come as a surprise. Military assessors said Hizbullah will continue to try to carry out major operations, including the possibility of a renewal of suicide attacks.

Meanwhile, the five-nation monitoring committee to supervise the understandings which ended Operation Grapes of Wrath in April is to meet at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura today to hear complaints from both Israel and Lebanon relating to the fighting on Thursday.

The committee, composed of representatives from the US, France, Israel, Syria and Lebanon, had previously met on three other occasions - to establish its working arrangements and subsequently to hear two separate complaints from Israel about breaches of the understandings by Hizbullah.

Lebanon charges that the IDF broke the understandings during Thursday's fighting by launching air strikes at villages and by its

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artillery fire. Hizbullah and the government said a woman was wounded as a result of the bombardments and that homes were damaged.

Israel maintains that Hizbullah breached the understandings first by deliberately firing mortars from inside villages north of the zone, including Jaba'a and Ein Baswar.

Syria, which has so far showed no signs of wishing to restrain Hizbullah apart from coining that it does not give Israel an excuse for widespread action by firing Katyusha rockets at the Golan, has described the escalation in the fighting as dangerous.

Radio Damascus said Hizbullah had put its fighters on full alert in the event of any further IDF reprisals. There were also unconfirmed reports on Lebanese radio stations that the Lebanese Army had stationed command troops

in the western sector of the Bekaa Valley, as a precautionary move.

Lebanese President Elias Hrawi and Prime Minister Rafik Hariri returned to Beirut on Friday night from talks in Damascus with Syrian leaders in which they apparently discussed the tension.

## ARRIVALS

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Jean and Eugen Gluck, Chairman of the Board - American Friends of the Bet-El Yeshiva Center.

## High winds interrupt cross-Kinneret swim

THE annual cross-Kinneret swim was halted due to strong winds yesterday morning.

The event began at Ha'on Beach at 7 a.m. as scheduled. However, when the first swimmers reached the midpoint of the nine-kilometer route, conditions became unsafe. Western and southern winds created waves as much as a half a meter high.

On the advice of Tiberias Police chief, Ch.-Supt. Yitzhak Cohen, the event's organizers quickly brought all the swimmers back to shore. Though some of the swimmers may have been able to handle the difficult conditions, most of them were amateurs, Cohen said.

The organizers are considering rescheduling the event.

## Palestinian conference rejects compensation for refugees

JON IMMANUEL

A 14-POINT communique issued after a Palestinian conference on refugees last week in Gaza rejects the idea of compensation and said they all have the right to return.

The conference communique said compensation would be acceptable for the years the refugees have been away from their lands since 1948, but not in lieu of their right to return.

It estimated the Palestinian refugee population at 3.5 million.

The conference was directed by Assad Abdel-Rahim, head of the refugee desk in the PLO, and was attended by activists and representatives from the Gaza refugee camps.

Palestinian moderates have said that while the right of return remains a principle, they recognize that compensation may be the only practical way to recognize the principle, as long as it is voluntarily accepted.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, who spoke at the opening session Monday night, said "the right of return is holy," and this is recognized in the Oslo 1 and Oslo 2 agreements.

He also called for the return of people displaced in 1967. Talks on the displaced persons began last year, but made little progress, and have not resumed since the elections in May.

## HIZBULLAH

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Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday's IAF strikes against Hizbullah in Lebanon were "necessary operations" in retaliation for attacks on Israeli forces.

"We are trying in every possible way to lower the tension in the region. We have no intention of taking extraordinary measures, but we have the obligation to take every necessary operation for the

good of our forces working in Lebanon," Mordechai told Channel 1.

Mordechai also said there was no reason for the public to be concerned. "We have no interest in creating tension but only to carry out necessary security operations, as is done every day of the year."

A war of attrition is being carried out in Lebanon with Hizbullah and other terror organizations which have Syrian and Iranian backing, he added.

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# Surgeon: Yeltsin might be too sick for heart operation

PHILIPPA FLETCHER  
MOSCOW

RUSSIA faced fresh uncertainty yesterday after a disclosure that President Boris Yeltsin may have suffered a third, unreported, heart attack earlier this year and planned bypass surgery might now be in question.

Cardiac surgeon Renat Akchurin, tipped to lead the planned operation on Yeltsin, told Reuters yesterday that damage to the president's heart could make surgery too risky.

A final decision would be taken Wednesday or Thursday, he said.

In a separate interview on Friday, Akchurin told a US television interviewer that Yeltsin suffered his new heart attack - his third in about 12 months - in late June or July during his successful re-election battle.

Yesterday he said he had not treated the 65-year-old Yeltsin himself at the time. But he had concluded from examining Yeltsin's heart later and considering media reports that a new heart attack had occurred.

His remarks implied that he had not known what he was undertaking when he had agreed to conduct the operation, and had talked about the presumed new heart attack to ABC-TV to stress the dangers. Yeltsin himself announced the operation on September 5.

"It was the goal of my interview to say that we can postpone the operation but that we are trying to go ahead with it," he said.

He and other doctors, including top US cardiologist Michael DeBakey, will make a final decision Wednesday or Thursday on the surgery, which they want to do so that Yeltsin can lead a normal life.

Yeltsin dropped out of public view in late June before a July 3 runoff vote in which he beat communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov to secure a second four-



An elderly communist holds a portrait of Stalin in front of the Russian Foreign Ministry building in Moscow during an anti-Yeltsin rally yesterday.

year term in office.

Both Yeltsin's office - which has previously played down the seriousness of the operation - and the government refused to comment on Akchurin's comments.

Presidential chief-of-staff Anatoly Chubais also declined to comment. But he ticked off Yeltsin's rivals for looking to step into his shoes.

"Those politicians who believe that it is time to take up starting positions in a presidential cam-

paign will very soon realize that they have jumped the gun," Chubais told a congress of the Russia's Democratic Choice party in Moscow.

"Those who have got off to a false start will be forced to hang their heads and go back to the starting lines under the intense gaze of the judge, who is and will remain Russian President Boris Yeltsin," Chubais said.

The head of the presidential medical center, Sergei Mironov,

broke new ground on Friday by saying that the operation, hitherto described as a simple bypass, was "very serious" and that much was at stake.

Yeltsin is in a Moscow clinic, and Mironov said he would be kept in for several more days to make sure complications with other organs would not worsen.

Akchurin's disclosures heightened fears for Yeltsin's future. Yeltsin's own fate is inextricably linked with the political situation

in his vast unpredictable country.

Asked if the operation could be too dangerous, Akchurin told Reuters: "It might be."

Akchurin suggested the latest heart attack had been hushed up because it could have had an impact on the outcome of the election.

"Can you imagine what would happen, for example, if he told everyone he's had a heart attack and he's unable to work?" he told ABC. (Reuters)

# Turkey said to be siding with Iraq to US dismay

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Turkey has urged President Saddam Hussein to reassert his authority in northern Iraq and crush separatist Turkish Kurds based there, to the dismay of the United States, which wants to keep Saddam boxed in, *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

The newspaper, in an interview with Turkish Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller, quoted her as saying Ankara would drop its plan to create a "security zone" inside Iraq if Saddam took steps to crush Turkish Kurds waging a guerrilla war against Ankara from camps in northern Iraq.

Ciller said Turkey was having talks with Saddam on the issue.

"We are still talking to him, and we are interested to see what he can do or is prepared to do. If he can establish a degree of rule there that puts an end to terrorist infiltration, that would be fine with us."

"If not, we will take measures to see that terrorists do not continue to operate in our borders. We defend the territorial integrity of Iraq, but the lack of authority there has been tragic for us," Ciller said. *The New York Times* said senior

US administration officials were "dismayed" by Ciller's remarks. It quoted a senior State Department official as saying: "This does not accord with the discussions the United States has had with Turkey. Perhaps it is Turkey's way of signaling to the United States that it has alternatives."

Turkey announced plans early in September to create a security zone in northern Iraq up to 9.6 km deep, and Washington said it would not object if Ankara went ahead with the scheme.

Turkey said the cordon would deter infiltration from Iraq by guerrillas of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), fighting for self-rule in Turkey's Kurdish southeast.

The Turkish plan followed US missile strikes on military installations in southern Iraq in response to the Iraqi army's intervention in northern Iraq to help a Kurdish faction seize a city from a rival group a week ago.

Ciller did not say if Turkey wanted Saddam to send his own troops back into northern Iraq or influence his Kurdish allies to do the job of pushing out PKK forces.

# Thai prime minister avoids censure - at price of losing office

BANGKOK (AP) - Prime Minister Banharn Silpa-archa won the vote, but lost office.

Facing a censure vote in parliament yesterday after three days of bruising allegations of corruption, lying and ineptitude, Banharn won the support of his coalition partners only on condition he announce his resignation first.

Eyes downcast, Banharn pledged at a jam-packed news conference to step down within a week and turn over power to a member of the six-party coalition.

Minutes later, Banharn's former allies backed him in the confidence vote. He won, 207 votes to 182. His colleagues gave a formal round of applause, but his career lay in ruins.

The bizarre exercise was aimed at saving face and fending off the dissolution of parliament, which would have brought fresh elections the coalition has no guarantee of winning.

The political crisis is viewed as a symptom of the country's institutions failing to keep up with the supercharged growth that has seen Thailand emerge in recent years as an economic

powerhouse in Southeast Asia.

Opposition figures resisted crowing at the end of Banharn's 14-month premiership, which they have called one of the most corrupt in Thai history.

"There hasn't been any change yet. The government still holds power," said Chuan Leekpai, leader of the chief opposition party, the Democrats, who was himself mpled as prime minister last year in a censure vote over a land scandal.

Several days of deal-cutting by coalition figures seem likely. Key portfolios like Finance, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Interior will be offered to party leaders to ensure support.

Defense Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh is the front-runner to succeed Banharn, though his New Aspiration Party has only 57 seats compared to 91 for Banharn's Chart Thai - a possible source of future weakness.

The resignation was the minimum price public opinion would probably accept after three days of parliamentary debate followed by millions on live television and radio. Betting in this gambling-crazed nation on the outcome was rife.

# N. Korean agents still at large after four-day manhunt

KANGNUNG, South Korea (AP) - Two North Korean agents fleeing a manhunt shot and killed one of the South Korean paratroopers tracking them Saturday - and then disappeared into the mountains.

The shooting has heightened frustration at the military's failure so far to catch the band of infiltrators - believed to number seven - that ran their submarine aground in eastern South Korea on Wednesday.

In the first two days of the search, 18 North Koreans from the grounded submarine had been killed or found dead, and one was captured. But since then, the South has made no progress.

Yesterday, soldiers spotted the two North Koreans near the top of a mountain in the country's rugged eastern coastal region. After a 10-minute shootout, the northerners eluded what Defense officials called an "airtight cordon."

The suspected saboteurs slipped through a similar encirclement on Friday.

According to the single captured agent, Li Gwang Su, 31, seven colleagues still remain at large. They include espionage agents, trained to survive for days in extreme situations.

Most of the rest were members of the crew who had landed when their submarine beached at Kangnung, 100 kilometers south of the heavily armed Korean border and 140 kilometers northeast of Seoul.

The gunfight proved that at least two of the agents are within the South Koreans' grasp, but the whereabouts of the other five are questionable.

Hoping to lure them out and break their spirit, loud-

speakers in the area blared a taped message by the captured agent.

"I am alive. Let's all live through this and begin a new life," Li said.

"You cannot escape through the triple cordon. And even if you return to North Korea you will only be punished for failing in your mission," the recording blared over and over again.

Offshore, naval ships were towing the recovered communist submarine to a nearby base.

"The turning point will come today or tomorrow," Defense Minister Lee Yang-ho said, promising that the residents of Kangnung and nearby villages will be able to return to normal life soon.

Intelligence officials said the sub was believed to have been on a mission to land spies and saboteurs. They said the craft was manned by guerrillas, including a colonel, from the North's special guerrilla forces.

The captured infiltrator told investigators that their mission was to spy on air defense and navy facilities, the Defense Ministry said.

But officials could not explain some aspects of the bizarre infiltration, including the 11 intruders found dead together, all with gunshot wounds in their heads. They were discovered in a mountain clearing hours after the sub was found stranded off meters off the coast.

Officials initially theorized that 10 of them, unarmed, were shot dead by an 11th man who later turned his pistol on himself to avoid capture. Officials said Friday, however, that all were believed shot by automatic rifles, which were not found on or near the scene.

# US expands Iraq patrol, more troops arrive in Kuwait

KUWAIT (Reuters) - Another 300 US soldiers arrived in Kuwait and warplanes from a second US aircraft carrier began patrols over Iraq yesterday in a show of force against Washington's Gulf War foe.

The 1st Cavalry Division troops from Fort Hood, Texas, were bused to an arsenal near Kuwait City to draw weapons and deploy quickly near the Iraqi border, US officials said.

A second US aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise, began sending warplanes from the Gulf to patrol a Western-imposed no-fly zone in southern Iraq.

"Our mission is to hopefully deter aggression and help contribute to the peace in the Middle East," said the Commander of the Enterprise, Captain Michael Malone, of Brooklyn.

The Enterprise, with 74 aircraft - including F-14 fighters recently modified to deliver laser-guided bombs - entered the Gulf on Thursday. It joined another carrier battle group plus US ground and air forces deployed mainly in Kuwait against Iraq.

The Enterprise left the Adriatic Sea last weekend to join the carrier Carl Vinson, which is taking part in flights as part of Operation Southern Watch over southern Iraq.

Fresh tension arose between Washington and Baghdad in August when Baghdad's forces intervened to help a Kurdish faction in northern Iraq.

Washington retaliated by firing 44 cruise missiles at air defense targets in southern Iraq on

# One killed in election violence in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (Reuters) - One person was killed and more than 24 were seriously wounded in a string of blasts yesterday during the third phase of local assembly elections in India's troubled Jammu and Kashmir, police said.

Six paramilitary troopers were among the 24 wounded, police said. Separatist politicians said more than 50 people were wounded in explosions and shooting continued late into yesterday.

Kashmir police chief Mohinder Nath Sabharwal said the worst incident occurred when militants hurled a grenade at a security picket near a polling station in the Gandarbal of Srinagar, injuring 20 people and killing a civilian.

Former state chief minister Farooq Abdullah is a candidate from Gandarbal in yesterday's leg of assembly elections.

Sabharwal said militants attacked five polling stations, forcing a brief suspension of voting in four of them. The fifth attack wrecked a polling station.

"We are likely to hold a re-poll there," Kashmir's election chief Jaiji Ahmed Khan told the news conference.

Saturday's elections in three administrative regions involved 21 seats in the 87-member assembly.

Polling in Srinagar, Kashmir's capital city, was the lowest at 28.8 percent, Kashmir's top civil servant Ashok Kumar said.

"There is a pattern that the farther you go away from Srinagar, the higher the polling gets," he said.

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# Bhutto's brother murdered

LARKANA, Pakistan (Reuters) - Thousands of mourners attended the burial yesterday of Murtaza Bhutto, estranged brother of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, as Pakistan named a judge to investigate his killing with six aides by police.

Murtaza was buried at the ancestral graveyard at Garhi Khuda Baksh, about 25 km from Larkana, beside the grave of his younger brother Shah Nawaz and near that of his father, executed former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

More than 10,000 people turned up at the graveyard amid rice fields and several fainted in sweltering heat as the temperature soared to 37 degrees.

Murtaza's sobbing widow, Ghinwa, appeared briefly in the crowd before her husband's bullet-ridden body was lowered into the grave.

His body was flown to the family home of Larkana to the north of the city of Karachi, where he and six supporters were killed in a shootout with police on Friday night.

Benazir Bhutto and her mother, Nusrat, also arrived in Larkana but

did not attend the burial because of the crowds. Earlier, Benazir wailed and prayed over Murtaza's body at a Karachi hospital.

In a mark of deep mourning, she went barefoot to the hospital where Murtaza, 42, died after being hit by up to eight bullet wounds in the gunfight near his home in an affluent area of the city.

She flew overnight from Islamabad to Karachi after hearing of the death of the brother who had bitterly opposed her government in a three-year political confrontation.

Police blamed the shooting on Murtaza's political followers, saying they had fired on police who wanted to search their cars.

A Sindh province government official said provincial high court judge Ali Mohammed Baluch would head an inquiry tribunal which would submit its report within a month.

Murtaza was the last surviving son of Zulfikar Bhutto, who was toppled as prime minister in a 1977 army coup and hanged two years later. His younger brother, Shah Nawaz, was found dead in his flat in southern France in 1985 in mysterious circumstances.

# Kenya arrests Rwandan genocide suspect

NAIROBI (Reuters) - Kenya has arrested an exiled Rwandan Hutu businessman suspected of involvement in Rwanda's 1994 genocide of up to a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus, state radio and a Rwandan refugee leader said yesterday.

The arrest on Friday of Obed Ruzindana was the first by Kenya,

a country considered by Rwanda's new Tutsi-led government as a haven for Hutus who fled their motherland after the genocide.

A senior Rwandan government official welcomed the arrest of Ruzindana as a "positive and long overdue step," saying he hoped the development signified new cooperation between Kenya and

the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Innocent Butare, executive secretary of the exiled Rally for the Return of Refugees and Democracy in Rwanda, a Hutu lobby group, said Ruzindana was arrested on Friday on a warrant signed by the Rwanda tribunal, based in Arusha, Tanzania.

"He is on the list of people wanted by the International Tribunal. He was arrested yesterday by police accompanied by tribunal officials," Butare said.

Tribunal deputy spokesman Bocar Sy told Reuters by telephone from Tanzania that he had heard radio reports of Ruzindana's arrest but could not confirm them

officially.

Butare said Ruzindana, a former trader in Rwanda's southwestern Kibuye region, was charged with genocide and crimes against humanity.

Kenyan state radio reported the arrest, bringing to 11 the number of suspects indicted by the tribunal and in custody in various capitals.



Prominent American Jews stand in a labyrinth in New York against the New York skyline last week, where they were placed by photographer Frederic Brenner, working on a project on prominent American Jews. Front row from left are artist Roy Lichtenstein; actress Lauren Bacall; violinist Itzhak Perlman; playwright Arthur Miller; and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. (AP)

# IRA's allies say N. Ireland peace process is dead

BELFAST (Reuters) - The political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) said yesterday that Northern Ireland's peace process is dead and a new one should be put in its place.

Martin McGuinness, the chief strategist of the Sinn Fein party, said the current peace talks, from which it is excluded, are going nowhere.

A new process must involve Sinn Fein, he said, and a condition that the IRA must disarm before its political allies can join talks must be dropped.

"These talks are pointless; they are going nowhere," McGuinness told BBC radio. "I believe they should be wound up," he added.

"There is a need now to reconstruct a new peace process, this time with completely different terms of reference."

The IRA has waged a 25-year guerrilla struggle against British rule of Northern Ireland, which

has a pro-British Protestant majority and an Irish Catholic minority.

Britain and Ireland called all-party talks to give the region a chance to heal wounds, but they have not allowed Sinn Fein to take part until an IRA cease-fire is restored.

In the absence of Sinn Fein, the talks have bogged down in wrangling between pro-British Protestant and pro-Irish Catholic nationalists over scrapping guerrilla arms and other issues.

"It is time that people stopped fooling the public [and] recognized that the peace process is dead and that the urgent task now facing us is to establish whether or not we can reconstruct, rebuild a new peace process," McGuinness added.

He called for unconditional "inclusive negotiations" held within a defined time-frame and said Britain must put in place "confidence-building" measures.

# Photographer's Jewish world: A Diaspora of questions

NEW YORK (AP) - One night, French photographer Frederic Brenner dreamed he was in America with Lauren Bacall, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Ralph Lauren, Arthur Miller, Mark Spitz, Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

Three years later, wide awake, Brenner peered at them through his camera lens as they stood bareheaded in the rain on Ellis Island, posing for him against the Manhattan skyline.

These prominent American Jews, all descended from immigrants who struggled in a new diaspora, are his "Jewish icons," as the photographer says in his book *Jews! America! A Representation*.

Wednesday's rendezvous at the old gateway to the United States was part of Brenner's 17-year mission through 40 countries exploring the question: What does it mean to be a Jew at the end of the 20th century?

"There is no such thing as 'The Jew,'" concludes the 37-year-old photographer, who holds a Ph.D. in social anthropology. "My photographs raise questions, they don't give answers."

Many American Jews "became icons by breaking the icons," or stereotypes, Brenner said during an interview at the SoHo gallery where his photos are exhibited.

Barbra Streisand, for example. One of the 39 "icons" in the book, she "has obviously reinvented beauty. She is not beautiful, and she became beautiful."

To survive as a Jew is to be a chameleon, "always taking the shape and the color of the country where we are. It is to reinvent oneself, while anchored in tradition," says Brenner.

"And it's a very thin line, you walk like an *equilibriste*," he adds, using the French word for tightrope walker as he spreads his arms precariously.

For the Ellis Island photo, his famous subjects stood in a labyrinth he built of white-painted wood, "the ultimate metaphor for diaspora, a place where the paths intersect, or merge sometimes, where the line is not straight, and there are many detours."

In one square of the maze was Westheimer, the sex therapist whose finger-wagging advice, delivered in German-tinted English, has made her a television celebrity.

She landed in America in 1956, "and I learned that you have to stand up and be counted," said the four-foot-seven-inch (1.4 meters) Westheimer, perched on a hidden box that raised her to camera level.

For Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg, the photo session was her first visit to the island where her Polish-born grandmother arrived in the early 1900s.

"Jewish people are sometimes called 'the people of the book.' My grandparents' dream was for their children to become scholars," Ginsburg said.

The Supreme Court justice smiled when asked if she was

an icon, saying she was just "a fortunate girl born in Brooklyn."

But there she was rubbing shoulders with the likes of business moguls Edgar Bronfman and his son, Edgar Jr.; violinist Itzhak Perlman and Isaac Stern; artist Roy Lichtenstein; composer Philip Glass; Olympic swimming champion Mark Spitz; feminist Betty Friedan; former CBS chairman Laurence Tisch; and former New York Mayor Ed Koch.

Holding her granddaughter's hand was another fortunate girl from Brooklyn, actress Lauren Bacall, born as Betty Joan Perske.

In two years of trekking through the country, Brenner also photographed Persian-born Jewish antique dealers in New Jersey, a Jewish family on Staten Island with a Christmas tree, students in a Hebrew day school in Las Vegas.

It's all part of his mammoth project, *Chronicle of Exile*, which he says will be "the first visual anthology of the Jewish people in the 20th century." Publication is slated for 1999.

The quest began more than two decades ago, when he was a teenager in Paris mastering karate and Zen Buddhism, though his great-grandfather had been a rabbi and three-quarters of the family had been deported to Auschwitz.

"Then came the war of 1967 and the Yom Kippur war," he said. "And my parents said, 'Oh, but we are Jewish,' and they sent me to a Jewish school."

# Report: East bloc spies targeted Pope John Paul II

BERLIN (AP) - Pope John Paul II was targeted by east bloc spy agencies along with his predecessor at the Vatican, according to a newspaper report citing papers found in former East German secret police files.

The *Berliner Zeitung* reported yesterday that it had found Russian translations of reports apparently from the Polish secret service regarding John Paul. The reports were dated November 1978, a month after John Paul was elected pope.

In those papers, the *Berliner Zeitung* said, the Polish-born pontiff was described as having "the most extreme anti-communist views," which he wanted to advance through the Roman Catholic church's policy toward the east bloc.

The church's human rights campaign, it said, was described as being "on the same line with the most reactionary circles in the West."

On Friday, the *Berliner Zeitung* and another Berlin newspaper, *Der Tagesspiegel*, reported that a Polish agent doubling as a cleric in the 1960s spied on then-Pope Paul VI, passing along some of the Vatican's top secrets to Polish and Soviet intelligence agencies.

The Vatican has thus far made no official response. The reports came as John Paul was visiting France.

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# Heroin found on plane of Colombian president

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Colombian President Ernesto Samper left for New York yesterday to address the UN General Assembly while caught in a new drug scandal over heroin found stashed on his presidential jet.

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base near Bogota during an inspection prompted by an anonymous telephone caller.

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Samper, who has defied repeated calls for his resignation because of charges his 1994 election campaign was partly financed by the Cali drug cartel, told reporters before his departure it was the work of someone seeking to hurt him.

He called it an "outrageous and dastardly" act.

Samper's US visa was revoked in July because of his alleged ties to drug traffickers and as a sign of Washington's displeasure over a move by Colombia's Congress to clear him of drug corruption charges a month earlier.

# Training exercise may have left TWA explosive residue

WASHINGTON (AP) - A month before the crash of TWA Flight 800, the airliner was used to train bomb-sniffing dogs, and the explosives in those exercises could explain the traces of chemical residue found on the plane, government officials say.

"This discovery would definitely hurt any attempt to build a circumstantial case of a bomb destroying the aircraft," a source close to the investigation told The Associated Press on Friday. "Now we would definitely need pitting or blast damage to prove there was a bomb placed on board."

Investigators have been stymied for weeks in determining what caused the Paris-bound Boeing 747 jumbo jet to explode over the Atlantic Ocean July 17, killing all 230 people on board.

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A Federal Aviation Administration official said investigators found records late Thursday showing that the plane had been used for testing dogs on their bomb-detection ability. Officials began looking for the match about a month ago.

"It was a long tedious process of matching FAA and TWA records," the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The TWA plane was used as a testing facility for bomb-sniffing dogs as part of a routine training exercise in June, officials familiar with the investigation said Friday.

"It was this plane, and the test bombs contained explosive material," said one official.

Test packages containing explosive chemicals were placed aboard the Boeing 747 in St. Louis, but they were removed from the aircraft before the plane took off, another source close to the investigation told The Associated Press.

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DISK-COVERY  
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*Teva Hadvarim 4, a CD-ROM in Hebrew for all ages, by CD-Medio Ltd., NIS 159.*  
Rating: Four-and-a-half stars out of five.

IN the old days, before Israelis regarded it as their "right" to travel abroad regularly, many bought National Geographic magazine to get a peek at the world, even if their English was so poor they could only enjoy the pictures. In the last decade or so, many became well traveled, and when the local equivalent of National Geographic, the Hebrew-language *Teva Hadvarim*, began to publish, it encountered an appreciative audience.

*Teva Hadvarim* recently began producing multimedia CD-ROMs for the computer, offering learned texts and exciting still photographs and video films about unusual areas in the world. This edition, the fourth, is a feast for the eyes and ears. Three Israeli subjects - the Machtesh Ramon in the Negev, autumn and the Druse - are included, along with 15 others from around the world.

One can "travel" to Guatemala ("the land of eternal spring"), the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Namibia, Peru and the ecologically exotic Galapagos Islands. One can meet the pandas, white shark, bushmen's cave drawings, bee society, lions, tropical rain forests, walrus and gorillas.

The very user-friendly format lets users hop from one location to another merely by clicking the mouse. At the entrance to each site, radio announcer Kobi Medan skillfully reads a one-minute introduction to the text, which is presented in full on the screen. When he finishes, the user can continue reading, clicking on icons representing a still or video camera to get colorful illustrations.

The photos and films can be viewed over either half a screen or a full screen (although when spread out fully, the resolution of the high-quality scenes is somewhat reduced). The videos are so lifelike that, for example, you'll actually want to feed the alpacas and llamas at the Mitzpe Ramon farm that are presented on film.

Younger children unable to read will enjoy this software merely by listening to Medan's narration and looking at the videos and stills. Adults and older children will appreciate the depth of the text, which can easily be printed out or saved on one's hard disk (as can the photographs).

There is a search mechanism allowing you to look up any subject or word. The text is long and comprehensive (foreign names are, helpfully, printed out in English as well). The editor-in-chief of the program is Udi Ran; the science editor is Dr. Avi Arbel, and scientific advice has been provided by Dr. Moshe Agami and Prof. Nahum Meged.

Since it chooses unconnected subjects, the disk can't be used as an all-encompassing reference

encyclopedia on anthropology, wildlife and the environment. But if anyone is qualified in the future to produce such a disk, it is the people from *Teva Hadvarim*.

*Let's Start, CD-ROM in Hebrew for teaching basic English to children and adults, by Edusys Ltd. (a joint company of Bug Multisystem and Edusoft), NIS 119.*  
Rating: Four stars out of five

The local market has numerous programs for teaching the ABC's to pre-schoolers and children in the lower-elementary grades. But good software for those who know the English alphabet and a few words but don't know how to put them together have been lacking - until now.

Edusys, which has produced the outstanding *English+* series for more advanced students of English, has now paid attention to this in-between group as well. *English+*, which I highly recommend (working on this program for an hour a day over four months with my 12-year-old son boosted his English proficiency by about 18 months), covers material from the fourth grade through 3.5 points on the matriculation exam, and an additional program (soon to be available for home use) extends to 5 matriculation points. The entire *English+* series has been adapted for use in schools as well.

*English+* serves as the model for *Let's Start*, using the same teaching method of exercises, practice and tests. However, this disk is a smaller program than *English+*, lacking the wonderful video and audio conversation clips, and therefore costing about half the price. But this is not meant as criticism: at the beginner level of *Let's Start*, learning the language using video and audio would be too hard.

The program is divided among numbers, alphabet and vocabulary. In the first, numbers are presented like disks on a counting table. Click on it and bear how to say it. Where appropriate, the user can also learn how the number is used as a price or as an hour or minutes on the clock. The alphabet is presented one letter at a time; just click to see and hear a series of words containing the letter you chose (J: jacket, jeans, juice).

The vocabulary section consists of 12 different pictures that come to life when you click on them. There are a furniture store, a travel agent, a doctor's office, a restaurant, a hairdresser, a rent-a-car agency and so on. Click within this picture to learn the word for objects and to hear and read short conversations. A total of nearly 300 words are introduced by the program.

Each section includes practice exams and full-fledged tests. There is a built-in speaking dictionary and a grades section that shows where your strengths and weaknesses are. Another welcome feature is a tour that presents the entire program and how to use it in clear Hebrew.

AS human memory fades, the number of witnesses dwindles and attention is captured by what is seen and heard rather than what one reads in a book, a new way to perpetuate the memory of the Six Million and the courage of survivors had to be found.

Yad Vashem - long considered a venerable, old-fashioned Jerusalem institution that informed and educated the public mostly through visits to its museum - has taken a 21st-century approach. It recently launched a multi-faceted \$45 million project, *Yad Vashem 2001*, aimed at integrating Holocaust studies into the communications revolution.

"The world," says Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev, "is rapidly advancing towards the close of the second millennium under the pressure of the cultural universalism characteristic of an open-market economy, hyper-consumerism, the world communications revolution and a flood of boundary-reducing tourism."

In the face of this, local cultures are struggling to maintain their own uniqueness... What will be the fate of Holocaust commemoration among members of the fourth generation, both Jewish and non-Jewish? ... Will remembrance be meaningful in the context of contemporary events?"

Under the program, an International School for Holocaust Studies is being created at the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority (Yad Vashem's formal name) for training teachers and developing innovative educational materials. In addition, its documentation system will be completely computerized with a modern information-retrieval system installed by 1999.

Yad Vashem is hurrying to collect and transfer from Europe to Jerusalem numerous documents that might otherwise disappear; it is also videotaping survivor testimonies, in cooperation with US film director Steven Spielberg's Visual History Foundation. All this, as well as the expansion of its museum, will require additional construction.

But one of the first fruits of this effort is a CD-ROM called *The Return to Life*, the first multimedia program of its kind aimed at schoolchildren and the general public to teach the history of the Holocaust. Produced in Hebrew and English, it cost some \$250,000 to make, much of it donated by Canadian businessman Leslie Dan.

# Holocaust education on your PC



The Yad Vashem CD-ROM - optimistically, it begins from the end of the Holocaust.

The computer disk is the result of a year of work by Yad Vashem's unit for the development of educational programs in the International School, directed by Avraham Milgram, and was coordinated and produced by Guy Miron and a team of 10 colleagues with help from the Israeli multimedia company Icoms.

One would expect the project to begin with a CD-ROM on the Holocaust itself or even a historical explanation of what phenomena in Europe led up to it. But instead, this disk optimistically begins from the end - the historical events after the defeat of the Nazis and the liberation of the concentration camps.

The survivors live among us, but are not easily distinguished from other elderly people, except by the tattooed numbers on their arms. The well-planned and extremely moving disk brings their story to life, follows their wanderings to Israel and North America and explains how they managed to go on in spite of everything. Anybody who studies this multimedia program is likely to be moved, even to tears, but even more so to admire their determination and will go to on living.

The disk is divided among a number of topics, including the commitment to life and Jewish identity, vengeance, the absorption process in Eretz Yisrael and

the US, with sub-topics such as displaced persons' camps, the pain of liberation, cultural life and education.

One liberated concentration-camp inmate recalls: "I didn't want to take part in the rejoicing. For us, the victory came too late." Once freed, the survivors stood at a crossroads: to the Land of Israel or the US (tens of thousands escaped to other countries, but the bulk ended up in these two).

Video clips of survivors telling of their experiences are presented along with still photos of their youth. Many of the black-and-white photos have been partially colorized, giving them an extra spark of life. By clicking the mouse, one can follow them on their journey.

In Israel, some were taken in by kibbutzim; according to survivors' testimony, many of these quickly left for the cities. They said sabras tended to regard them as second class, and didn't want to hear about the Holocaust. Their housing was inferior to that of other oew members, they charged.

One survivor recalls that as a young child on kibbutz who had musical talent, his application to take music lessons was turned down on the grounds that there was "no budget." But native-born children "with no talent or background" were sent to lessons without argument.

Finding themselves as members

of a people fighting for a state, Holocaust survivors had no time to rest or recuperate. The young and healthy joined the military efforts of the Yishuv, and by the end of the War of Independence, they constituted fully a third of all the soldiers.

Those who emigrated to the US speak movingly of having found "the Garden of Eden." One child who was offered a bowl of oranges and apples asked if he could choose among them. A well-come told the awe-struck survivor he could eat all of them if he wished.

But in the New World too, the survivors were not universally welcomed either by the Jewish community or by America at large. One senator called for immigration restrictions, arguing that the immigrants had been "nurtured on Communist ideas" and would never suit themselves to democracy. Others feared the newcomers would take their jobs.

But, polling themselves up by their own bootstraps, the Jews learned English, learned a trade and absorbed American culture, often with their Judaism falling by the wayside.

The disk contains an impressive database of background text, as well as maps, graphs and other material that explains the topics in greater depth. Click on a compass to find out which of the numerous subjects and sub-topics you have

already explored.

Yad Vashem spokeswoman Avital Baer says that over the next few years, it will produce additional CD-ROMs, covering the 1930s through the Nazi era. "We started from more recent history because we initially conceived the first disk to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war. Now we will go backwards."

The disk was produced without any significant cooperation with the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, which has its own multimedia program for use by visitors to that edifice. "It is possible that we will cooperate with them on the next disks; they obtained some important material from us," says Baer. But the Washington museum has a different, more American, less Zionist orientation, and its material is not in Hebrew.

The Hebrew-language version of *Return to Life* can be obtained only from Yad Vashem for NIS 149. Orders are currently being taken for the \$49 English version of the disk, which will be distributed in December.

Baer expects that many schools will want to use the disk for teaching, but it should also find an appreciative audience among adults the world over. For more information, call Yad Vashem at (02) 675-1625, fax (02) 652-4193, or write to POB 3477, Jerusalem 91034.

# Prickles serve a purpose

WHY do cactus fruits "need" prickles? I assume it is an evolutionary mechanism to protect them. But why don't all fruits have them to protect them from animals eating them? Are sabras more "prickly" biologically than other fruits? Robert, Beersheba.

Prof. Yitzhak Guterman, a botanist and cactus expert at the Ben-Gurion University's Desert Research Institute at Sede Boker, replies:

Contrary to myth, Israeli cactus pear plants (the sabra) are not native to this area, but were brought in from the New World some 200 or 300 years ago. Apparently, Jewish settlers in those days, and more recently, thought the cacti would provide a good living security fence. Thus, this very interesting question is best asked of botanists in Arizona and New Mexico who currently are conducting research on cacti and their protective structures.

In any case, as far as I can explain it, fruit-bearing plants faced various evolutionary pressures and developed their own suitable protective mechanisms. If fruit is eaten, the seeds can

TELL ME WHY  
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

survive the animal's digestive tract, be eliminated in its stool and start growing in the earth. Having prickles does not necessarily prevent animals from eating fruits. It would deter grass eaters, but not booby long-beaked birds, which can eat them.

Since birds fly, the seeds they are usually deposited far away from the location of the parent plant. This increases the seeds' chances of dissemination and of growing into a plant. Israel doesn't have the proper climatic conditions for cactus fruit seeds to be disseminated by birds. This is fortunate. In Australia, sabra cacti were brought in and spread by the birds. They took up large amounts of land and are considered a nuisance.

Prickles in some species may prevent animals from eating fruit before the seeds form and the fruit ripens. Most fruit (aside from cacti) don't come equipped with prickles at all, because nature encourages their consumption so they can reproduce through a messenger.

Why does soup with vegetables cool off more slowly in a thermos bottle than coffee or tea, which does not have solid pieces in it? Edith, Karmiel.

Irvin Gross of the Hebrew University's Casali Institute for Applied Chemistry replies:

It is easier for the molecules in liquids, which are fluid, to move around and lose their heat to the air. Solid particles, whose molecular structures are fixed, lose heat more slowly; it takes more time for energy, in the form of heat, to dissipate from a solid than through a liquid.

Dried apricots are known to have a lot of iron. Does one get the same amount of iron from eating fresh apricots? Does the drying process introduce more iron? Sari, Kiryat Haim.

Shlomit Samesh, senior lecturer in nutritional sciences, faculty of Agriculture of HU in Rehovot,

The amount of iron in the two is the same. But if you eat dried apricots, you are able to eat many more of them because their volume is smaller. The concentration of iron is 4.5 mg in 100 gram of dried apricots and 0.6 milligram in



The sabra fruit's prickles do not deter long-beaked birds. (JWA)

fresh ones. Each fresh or dried apricot has the same number of calories (53), but 100 gram of dried apricots will have three times as many calories as the same weight of fresh ones.

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# Microsoft sets up course in Shlomi

NEW WORLDS  
POST SCIENCE REPORTER

AFTER the Grapes of Wrath operation, launched earlier this year to bring a halt to the Hizbullah's katyusha attacks on northern settlements, many ministers and organizations promised to help residents of the north. Microsoft-Israel, eager to help out young residents of Shlomi while helping itself get well-qualified staffers, has now committed itself to providing major assistance to a vocational training program for practical engineers in the town.

The unique new program will begin at Shlomi's Erez Center for Vocational Training, which is opening a new course of study for software engineers. It is the first time that Microsoft-Israel has decided to take an active part in preparing young people for a profession in computers.

The curriculum will be similar to that offered in various regional colleges, but with the added bonus of Microsoft experts lecturing about the latest in computers. The local subsidiary of the international software giant will provide programs and relevant literature, as well as Microsoft staffers, who will also help students choose suitable final projects for their courses.

The company's staffer, Levi Shifman, says due to the growing need for programmers and for specializing in Microsoft's BackOffice products, it has decided to boost computer training in towns where such courses are weak or nonexistent. The Erez Center, established 13 years ago, trains the unemployed for the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry and holds night courses for adults. It was authorized recently by Microsoft-Israel to serve as the only authorized training center north of Haifa for its Windows and Office programs.

## NUMBERS GAME

Computer scientists at Cray Research in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, have discovered the largest-known prime number, with 378,632 digits, which would fill about 12 newspaper pages. Prime numbers can be divided evenly only by themselves and one. Examples include 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11.

The Greek mathematician Euclid proved that there is an infinite number of prime numbers, but they do not occur in a regular sequence, and there is no formula for generating them. Cray said finding prime numbers is a "torture test" for super-computers and that it helps researchers learn new techniques for speeding up mathematical operations. The process requires randomly generating and testing millions of numbers. The number itself, however, is seen simply as a mathematical curiosity, and in itself does not have any practical use. Cray discovered the previous largest prime number as well, which had 258,716 digits.

## KINGLY WATER RESEARCH

A research project related to water resources to be coordinated at the Haifa Technion will be named in honor of Jordan's King Hussein and Queen Noor. According to Technion president Prof. Zehav Tadmor, the research will bring together Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian researchers. The king was told this news at the recent event in London upon receiving the Churchill Prize of the British Friends of the Technion. He received the prize from Winston Churchill's daughter, Lady Soames, at London's Guildhall. Tadmor invited Hussein to visit the Technion during his next visit to Israel.

# Going AWOL at the psych ward

HEALTH SCAN  
POST HEALTH REPORTER

A SIGNIFICANT number of patients at psychiatric hospitals leave without permission and have to be brought back, especially during the first few days of their institutionalization. A study carried out by researchers at the Geha Psychiatric Hospital in Petah Tikva and Bar-Ilan University found that 2 to 15 percent of all patients disappear, and that half of those who do, run away from the hospital repeatedly.

According to the survey of world medical literature on the subject, published in a recent issue of the Israel Medical Association's *Harefuah*, the change in emphasis from "incarceration" of patients to treatment with medications has led to more liberal conditions in the psychiatric hospitals, and more patients running away. In addition, psychiatric institutions are no longer isolated buildings in outlying areas but close to or part of urban centers.

Abonders (or "elopers," as they are called in the US) are a medical, legal and social problem, because many of them stop taking medication, cause staffers and relatives much worry and require police to search for them. It also gives hospitals a bad name. Those patients

who constitute an immediate danger to themselves or society cause special worry, even though studies have shown very few escapees carry out violent acts or try to commit suicide while they're away.

The authors note that mental patients tend to leave during the day rather than at night. Single men run away more often than married or single women, as do drug addicts and alcoholics. Most of them return home, but some aim for another location and others just wander about, living in the streets. The reasons for running away include fears that they will be harmed during treatment, hallucinations about being "told" to escape, hospital food, lack of privacy, poor relations with other patients and family problems. The single most common diagnosis among escapees is schizophrenia.

Experts suggest that half of all escapes by psychiatric patients can be prevented by giving suitable medication, and ensuring family visits and proper staff behavior rather than by rigorous security

measures. Examining risk factors of patients for escaping can lead to dealing with problems before they run away, the authors suggest.

## SEEING EYE TO EYE

A new program to prepare children with visual impairments to integrate into the regular school system has begun at the Center for the Advancement of the Blind in Safed. The private facility has for 25 years been serving many with visual defects - from babies to adults - to exchange their sense of isolation for fully productive, independent lives.

Blind and visually impaired children starting school without preparation often become discipline problems and develop learning disabilities, according to the center's educators. Negative and even antagonistic attitudes can remain with them throughout their years in school. The Safed center aims at stimulating motivation, reducing tension, preventing trauma and encouraging positive attitudes towards learning with sighted children and teachers. Sighted children are among the center's regular pupils, so that a normal classroom environment is established.

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## Pressure points

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's recent declaration that he would resist American pressure that was contrary to Israel's security caused a ripple of criticism in Israel while passing unnoticed in the US. There it was taken, correctly, as a commonality which every foreign leader must repeat in the face of the world's sole remaining superpower. Here, alarm bells went off as disquiet seemed to enter relations with Israel's most important, sometimes only, ally.

The important issue here is not, as some have interpreted it, the relationship between two particular leaders, Bill Clinton and Binyamin Netanyahu, but rather the conventional wisdom that has developed concerning how to make peace in the Middle East. Clinton, more than most US presidents, has publicly stuck to the formula that the US can only facilitate agreements in the region, not pressure the sides into agreement. Yet the US itself is constantly under internal and international pressure by the conventional wisdom that pressure, specifically pressure on Israel, is the key to achieving peace.

This is no less of a myth today than it was under previous American and Israeli governments. It is a myth born of a simplistic application of symmetry to the conflict. In fact, the Arab-Israeli conflict is profoundly asymmetrical: Israel has never sought to eliminate an Arab state, while the Arab states have sought to eliminate Israel.

No one would regard Kuwait's interest in existing as morally equivalent to Iraq's interest in wiping Kuwait off the map. Yet in Israel's case such symmetry is not only applied, it has become so commonplace that it goes unnoticed and unquestioned. The fact that Israel has been able to defend itself against repeated onslaughts does not change this basic moral and legal asymmetry.

Another great asymmetry is that Israel is a democracy, while the primary Arab holdout, Syria, is a dictatorship. This, and the fact that Israel receives so much assistance from the US, makes Israel a more tempting target for pressure. But pressuring a democracy because it's easier is like looking for a coin under the lamp-post.

Since the issue is not convincing the Israeli Left to support almost any peace agreement, it is Israel's center-right that must be persuaded

(objections from the extreme right can be overridden if there is a solid majority for an agreement). The more an agreement is, or is perceived to be, a result of security concessions made under pressure, the less likely the center-right will buy it.

In Syria's case, there is a fundamental need for pressure to tip Hafez Assad's strategic calculation in favor of peace. This is especially true if former Israeli ambassador and top negotiator Itamar Rabinovich is correct that Syria would not agree to peace even in exchange for extreme concessions on the Golan.

Even if such pressure on Damascus was ineffective, there is a cost to Syria's present relative freedom from pressure. It is ironic that Syria's blatantly aggressive and illegal tactics — occupying Lebanon, support for terrorism against Turkey, Israel, and Jordan, drug trafficking, and opposition to the peace process generally — have not resulted in the world's coming down on Syria's head.

In fact, Syria has good reason to believe from recent experience that the more outrageously it acts, the more rules it breaks, the more Israel will be under pressure to make peace sooner. The recent menacing movement of Syrian forces toward Israel is a perfect example of this. While Syria may ultimately be forced to return to the status quo ante, the net result will be greater pressure on Israel to make concessions on the Syrian track.

The only way to break this cycle of worsening Syrian behavior leading to pressure on Israel is for the US to demonstrate that Syria will incur real costs for such behavior. Attempts by successive American administrations to kowtow to Damascus have failed miserably and have only resulted, predictably, in more bad behavior.

The US should make it clear to Syria that the cost of its continued belligerency and inflexibility will be an end to the blind eye applied to its illegal occupation of Lebanon, and the full admission of Syria to the "pariah club" of Iran, Iraq, and Libya.

Faced with a determined US administration, Syria will moderate her behavior if the costs for not do so are high and credible. In the current diplomatic landscape, in which Syria is effectively rewarded for bad behavior, no one should be surprised if such behavior continues, or even worsens.



## 'Proof' of prior rights

STEVE ROSEN

ON a recent reserve duty exercise in the Negev, our unit set up a temporary base adjacent to a small wadi.

When we stopped, I stepped out of my vehicle and scanned the area for antiquities, as I usually do in the field.

And, as more often than not, I found them, in this case a Byzantine-period hamlet and a light scatter of flint tools dating to the Middle Paleolithic period, around 60,000 years ago.

My comrades-in-arms were fascinated by this. We traced the outline of the farmhouse, and I showed them the terrace farm system in the wadi. I clipped off a few flakes from a natural cobble of flint to show them how it was done in the Stone Age.

Orders came to move on, and when we stopped again we found more. None of these sites showed any evidence of Jewish content or presence.

The wealth of archaeology in our country is impressive, even for professionals, who are perhaps more jaded than the average tourist. Our excitement at exploring this wealth is real and good.

The archaeology of Israel is a marvelous laboratory for the study of history and culture — ours and other peoples.

And the romance of archaeology is infectious. It is easy to identify with the woman bedding over a cooking hearth 3,000 years ago, or with a soldier on a rampart during the Roman period.

It is easy to imagine these things — and in this sense, anyone can be an "archaeologist." And here lies the catch.

Everyone engages in archaeological interpretation and the results are, more often than not, simple foolishness. The simplistic and uncritical use of archaeology, a complex academic discipline like any other, to justify political ideologies makes a mockery of

the field.

Thus claims that archaeology justifies Jewish rights to the Land of Israel over those of others are disturbing and fundamentally misguided. They have nothing to do with archaeology and everything to do with preconceived political notions.

If archaeology proves anything, it is that our country has had an incredibly varied history.

Anyone with a quick enough tongue, a superficial grasp of cul-

ture, an ignorance of the complexities of the history and archaeology of the country and the ability to choose selectively the facts most appropriate to his or her own mode of thinking can justify virtually anyone's rights to the land.

This goes for Jews as well as Palestinians.

There is another danger here. The game of historical legitimacy based on archaeology can be played from several directions.

Much of the Coastal Plain and most of the Negev show little or no evidence of "Jewish" presence in any period.

If we claim legitimacy and prior rights based on archaeology in Jerusalem (a questionable supposition archaeologically) are we then willing to give up our claims elsewhere, based on similar reasoning? I hope not.

This does not mean that archaeology cannot serve to strengthen our connection with the Land of

Israel, or our identity with our past. In fact, as has been demonstrated by studies all over the world, archaeology provides powerful and tangible symbols of identity to peoples everywhere.

However, powers of identity are not to be confused with exclusivity. Pride in our heritage and history need not come at the expense of someone else's identity. If we insist on drawing from archaeology for our own identity, then we ought not to be surprised if the Palestinians do so as well.

Arguments over the legitimacy of archaeological identities have little to do with archaeology.

We may give a date to a structure, a layer, or an artifact, and we may even attribute these to an archaeological culture. But the nature of the connection between this ancient culture, Jewish or otherwise, to modern societies, is not to be found in the realm of archaeology, but in its co-option by politics.

For every pretty picture that can be drawn of a Jewish shopkeeper in ancient Jerusalem, any number of alternative pictures can be drawn involving other indigenous cultures of this country. The argument is sterile.

The lessons I take from my studies of archaeology in Israel are not those of prior rights.

Rather I marvel and wonder at the intricate web of history of all the peoples who have been here before us, and who are here now. Archaeology lends itself to many identities. We would be wise to respect others' if we would have them respect ours.

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## Sin of murder

JOYCE BOIM

MY 17-year-old son David was murdered on his way home from school in May. This Yom Kippur Eve is made more somber for us by the knowledge that the same thing could happen to any parent in Israel.

Soon after the murder OC Central Command Gen. Uzi Dayan came personally to our home to tell us that our son's killer was in the custody of the Palestinian Authority.

He also informed us that the IDF had recommended that the Ministry of Justice demand that the PA hand David's killer over to Israel for trial, in accordance with the terms of the Oslo agreement.

But the ministry has yet to make any such demand. And when it does, we wonder whether the PA will cooperate.

In 19 instances of formal Israeli requests to the PA to hand over killers of Jews for trial in Israel, the PA has simply refused to comply.

The Prime Minister's Office indicated to us that the issue of extraditing killers to stand trial in Israel is quite low on the agenda with Arafat and the PA negotiating team.

When we raised the issue of extradition with the Labor Party's former foreign minister Ehud Barak at his press conference last week, he brushed us off coldly, saying it was something only "your government" could take up, and that "we cannot expect the Palestinians to deliver on all of their promises."

Our meeting with President Weizman was somewhat more promising. When he heard from us and other parents of terror victims that the extradition issue was "not on the agenda" with the Palestinians at this time, Weizman virtually exploded.

We watched him go into action, making personal calls to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and to the IDF's civil administration coordinator.

Weizman was curt and clear with both: There is no issue more fundamental to Israel's peace, he

As we contemplate our son, we wonder what Netanyahu means by 'reciprocity'

said, than the security of its citizens and the absolute promise that its government would go to the ends of the earth in pursuing those who killed its citizens.

YET WHAT agonizes us as we enter our 12th year in Israel is that unless justice is done what happened to our son and to 19 other families could easily become a precedent.

Why shouldn't Arab terrorists feel free to kill more Jewish children if they can be sure of their welcome "home" to the Palestinian autonomy?

It should seem clear that any continuation of the Oslo process — whether redeployment of the IDF in Hebron, the release of Arab prisoners or economic aid to the PA — must be predicated on Arafat keeping his side of the Oslo agreement and ordering the immediate transfer to Israel of all 19 killers who have found a haven in the Palestinian autonomy, including those who murdered our son and took refuge in Ramallah.

Moreover, if the IDF pulls out of Hebron before the PA hands over those killers, the message to the PLO will be clear, and Hebron will become yet another place of refuge for murderers on the run.

When our prime minister uses the word "reciprocity," it sounds like a hollow word.

To my husband and myself, who will sit down to tonight's pre-fast meal without our son, "reciprocity" has another meaning — "justice." To us it means having the opportunity to be present at the trial of the Arab terrorist who murdered our child.

Since my husband and I are also American citizens, we wonder when the American government, a guarantor of the Oslo accords, will publicly and forthrightly call on the PA to keep its obligations under the Oslo accords and hand over 19 killers to Israel to stand trial for their murderous crimes.

We cannot understand why President Clinton and Ambassador Martin Indyk have not yet made their voices heard on the issue.

What would the American government do if killers of American citizens were awarded asylum in Canada, Mexico, or even Cuba?

The writer lives in Jerusalem.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### POST-IDEOLOGICAL AGE

Sir, — In his commitment on the Netanyahu-Arafat meeting (September 5), David Makovsky notes that it "illustrates that Israel has entered a post-ideological age in which notions of a Greater Israel are being supplanted by an understanding that the territories must be shared with the Palestinians."

This is a chilling echo of a similar statement by the American ambassador (as quoted in the *Post* of July 3) upon the election of Yitzhak Rabin. Ambassador William Harrop stated: "I think there has been an evolution of the Israeli people towards a society which is perhaps a little less ideological in nature, a little more resembling the American society. People are becoming more interested in time with their families, more interested in a comfortable and rewarding life rather than focusing solely upon ideological and other such questions. Our [American] society sometimes goes too far in a materialistic way, so I don't recommend that to Israel, but his is a direction that you can see in this country."

Four years later, we are witness to a nation rapidly being transmogrified into a consumer- and entertainment-oriented, cosmopolitan and individualistic society whose government was willing to waive the Jewish people's rights to the

land that has been at the center of its hopes and prayers for thousands of years and whose relationship with its Diaspora hinterland is becoming increasingly problematical.

Since Israel is a nation whose founding and very existence is based upon Zionism in its various forms (religious, nationalistic, socialistic, etc.), "post-ideological" means "post-Zionist." And without Zionism as the *raison d'être*, it is impossible to justify the sacrifices needed for national survival. Strangely, the intellectual entertainment, media and government elite which has assiduously fostered this "post-ideology" is now puzzled by the increasing unwillingness of the youth to serve the nation in the military or any other obligatory capacity.

If the political right is following the left down this treacherous path, the future of the country is endangered. However, the fact that Labor, Likud and Meretz all suffered losses in the last election while the religious parties and Yisrael B'Aliya did relatively well, indicates that there still is a significant portion of the population that seeks an ideological base for our continued possession of this often uncomfortable and dangerous corner of the world.

JAY SHAPIRO  
Ginat Shomron.

### LAND FOR PEACE

Sir, — "Land for peace" has been the guiding principle of the Allied nations ever since World War II. In the peace treaty with Germany, Russia took parts of Poland whilst Poland took parts of East Germany in order to ensure their security and for defense in depth in case of any future surprise attack. Before the Allies would agree to German reunification, Germany had to sign an agreement that the borders of the peace treaty were their borders and that they had no further claim on those former East German lands. In other words, it is the victorious side in the war that decides what, if any, territory of the former enemy it needs for its own security and future safety.

This is why Russia joined the war against Japan just a few days before its conclusion so it could lay claim to some Japanese islands "for its security." Although no military expert, I venture to claim that those islands, which Russia steadfastly refuses to return, are less important to the security of Russia than the Golan

Heights are to Israel's future security and safety. Because of Russia's refusal to return these small islands, there is still today, 51 years after the end of that war, no peace treaty between Russia and Japan.

We should tell our "good friends" the US, Britain, France and other European nations that they should apply the same principle to Israel as they did when they won their war against aggression, both in Europe and the Pacific. Before they advise us or pressure us on the Golan Heights, let them use their influence to make peace between Russia and Japan. After all, we are supposed to be part of the West and what is good for them should be also good for us.

True we do not possess the rich oil fields of some countries in this region, but that is no reason why the blood of our soldiers should be any less important to our so-called friends than that of say, Russian soldiers.

EMANUEL FISCHER  
Jerusalem.

### THE UGLY ISRAELI ON THE ROADS

Sir, — Further to Yakov M. Rabin's letter of September 10, I am less concerned with the "ugly Israeli" abroad and more with the "ugly Israeli" driver and his behavior on the roads.

Being considerate, sensitive and courteous is part of the Jewish qualities referred to as *middor* and they must be embedded in the consciousness of our children from birth so that they will still be there when the children learn to drive.

It is the absence of consideration, sensitivity and courtesy which involves so many of our drivers, whether of buses, lorries, passenger cars or motorcycles, in road crashes and makes them a menace to all.

Making our children aware of basic courtesies will be an important step, together with lower speed limits and other measures, in reducing the number of road crashes.

NIGEL WALLIS  
Jerusalem.

### INCONSIDERATE SOCIETY

Sir, — Much has been written about speed being responsible for most of the traffic deaths in Israel. Why don't we be honest and print the real reason as to why we kill each other off more efficiently than our military foes? I put it down to the general public's total contempt for the law. This, along with Israeli aggressiveness and savage inconsideration for anything else on the roads, is the real reason. Speed at the wrong time and in the wrong place aggravates everything, but is by no means the main culprit.

Have the experts not noticed the incredible tailgating, swerving from lane to lane without any warning, headlights on full beam and the enormous number of cars with one headlight permanently on full beam? Some of these people would as soon cut their own throats as let someone in from a side road. I have been roundly cursed and beeped at, not to mention given the finger, for daring to stop at a pedestrian crossing. Even some of the pedestrians refuse to move across because they can't trust the drivers. Can we blame them?

Let's be honest, get away from relying on technicalities like speed and putting your lights on during the day and start educating a boorish, inconsiderate society. We all have a great deal to learn.

D. HASKELL  
Gezer.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



You don't have to be Jewish — or even human — to enjoy Rosh Hashana goodies. These bears at Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo are tucking into a 50-kilo fruit-and-boney cake donated by a local hotel. (Reuters)

## POSTSCRIPTS

A SHANGHAI man, unlucky in love, climbed into a tiger's cage at the city zoo, knelt in front of the animal and begged it to eat him.

The tiger obliged by knocking him down, snuffing his head and then taking a bite at his neck. Screams from horrified visitors attracted help and a veterinarian shot the tiger full of sedatives and rescued the man.

The man survived. The tiger was given something else to eat.

A MAN drove himself to a hospital with a meat cleaver embedded in his head.

Jesse James Taylor, 32, of Pikeville, Kentucky, entered a local hospital after a domestic dispute during which a cleaver was sunk into his skull. He was also

stabbed with a butcher's knife and hit with a stick.

His girlfriend and a teenage boy were charged with assault.

THERE IS a definite lack of respect for the police in Macau. The official residence of the Portuguese territory's Marine and Customs Police commander was burgled — the second time in less than a year a top police officer fell prey to crime.

Commander Adolfo Esteves Sousa was relieved of jewels, rings and pearl necklaces worth over \$6,000.

A MURDERER has won the right to a 25-pence voucher on a packet of cereal in a case that cost the British government £2,000.

Noel Brown, jailed for life for a contract killing, bought the cereal in the shop at Littlehey Prison, Cambridgeshire. The prison refused to honor a 25p-off voucher because Mick Knight, the governor, believed that would involve expensive paperwork.

Brown, 28, issued a summons against the Home Office for breach of contract. After a six-month legal wrangle Judge Angus MacArthur awarded him the 25p.

The Home Office bill is estimated at about £2,000. Brown, who was not legally aided, paid his own costs.

Asked if the case had been a waste of public money, a spokesman for the Prison Service declined to reply.



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FEATURES

## The bad choice Dole's school vouchers a political ploy

BY JOHN JUDIS

U.S. Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole's plan for improving education is "school choice." "There is no reason why those who live on any street in America should not have the same right as the person who lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. — the right to send your child to the school of your choice," Dole declared in his acceptance speech. Sounds good, but Dole's program won't grant that right, and the issue of school choice is much more complicated.

There are at least four different kinds of plans. They range from Minnesota's public school choice program to the universal voucher system favored by conservatives at the Heritage and Bradley foundations. In their effect on education, they vary from the creative to the innocuous to the pernicious. The results of Dole's own plan would be somewhere between the second and third.

**Public School Choice:** The idea dates from the late 1960s, when districts set up magnet schools to attract white students to black areas. In the last decade, several states, beginning with Minnesota, as well as numerous cities and towns, have established comprehensive programs that allow students to choose schools within and even outside their districts. By fostering competition among schools, choice ideally encourages each school to improve and adapt to the needs of local students. It also helps weed out incompetent principals. The danger is that, if it fails, it promotes greater segregation by race and class, although most school systems that have adopted this kind of school choice have set limits on segregation and have actively informed low-income parents about their options. Still, miracles have not occurred. Minneapolis' school system is still a mess, but Cambridge, Mass., and East Harlem, N.Y., have both benefited.

**Charter Schools:** Since the late '60s, many states and school districts have also funded alternative schools set up by parents, teachers and non-profit corporations. The latest version of these are charter schools, which have been established in 25 states. They function like public-school choice, encouraging schools to adapt to communities' special needs. Their drawback is similar to that of magnet schools. They can siphon off the strongest teachers and students without improving the overall system. Moreover, they could fall prey to educational entrepreneurs who want to privatize education for profit. The few efforts by these pedagogical profiteers have not been impressive. A report this year by the

General Accounting Office found no evidence of academic improvement among students served by four of these new for-profit educational management institutions.

**Low-income Vouchers:** In Milwaukee and Cleveland, black Democrats and white Republicans have banded together to provide vouchers for low-income students to attend private schools. These pilot programs assume that local school administrators are incapable of improving the inner-city public schools. In the short run, they reason, students need to go outside the public system entirely. And in the long run, the public schools need the shock of competition from the outside. As experimental, emergency measures, these voucher programs are worth attempting — as long as funds for vouchers are not simply moved out of public schools into private schools. So far the results of the Milwaukee experiment has been

**[Dole] says it is for lower- and middle-income students, but it provides scholarships of only \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year — not enough for lower-income students to meet the costs of private school tuition.**

at best mixed. The private schools are undersubscribed, the dropout rate from those schools is high, and test scores have not exceeded those of comparable public school students. (Those voucher enthusiasts cheered by the recent study from Harvard and Houston University researchers claiming significant improvement for the private school students should read the convincing rebuttal by the University of Wisconsin's John Witte.)

**Universal vouchers:** Economist Milton Friedman first proposed a universal system of vouchers in 1955. It would allocate funds to schools — public, private or religious — based entirely on their enrollment. Some voucher proponents have constructed highly regulated schemes that require private schools to act like "public" schools — they would have to accept, for instance, vouchers as full tuition payment — but Friedman and most conservative proponents see vouchers as a way to escape regulation of education entirely. And they envision low-income vouchers as a step

toward such a system. If a voucher system "is good public policy for the poor," Michael Joyce of the Bradley Foundation told *The Toledo Blade*, "why isn't it good public policy for middle- or higher-income wage earners?"

Why not? Because it could lead to unmitigated disaster. If public spending on education remained constant, then it would mean taking funds from public schools to subsidize the most exclusive private schools, sectarian religious schools and even parental home-schoolers. The school system would abandon entirely its communal, integrative role. It could come to resemble Americans' health care system at its worst: at the top, the equivalent of fancy fee-for-service surgeons catering only to investment bankers and oil sheiks, in the middle mediocre HMOs — or EMOs — more concerned about profit than service, and at the bottom the educational equivalent of storefront Medicaid mills and decrepit public hospitals.

Could it happen? There has already been a test case. In 1980, Friedman's disciples convinced Chile's Pinochet government to adopt a fully deregulated voucher system. As Stanford professor Martin Carnoy has reported, class differences in education exploded. Most poor Chileans remained in the public system while the middle and upper classes opted for private schools. Test scores of lower-income students (whether in private or public schools) plummeted from 1982 to 1988, while those of middle- and upper-income students rose slightly. Chile's new government has since had to "reform" this voucher system.

Dole's school choice plan is a political ploy poised between Milwaukee and Santiago. The money for it will be taken out of existing federal and state funds for public education. He says it is for lower- and middle-income students, but it provides scholarships of only \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year — not enough for lower-income students to meet the costs of private school tuition. It is not an education program directed at troubled schools or students. It's simply a tax subsidy — achieved through a transfer of public funds from one group of taxpayers (public school parents) to another (private school parents). It might win the hearts of the Christian Coalition or the Catholic dioceses in Cleveland or Milwaukee, but it won't give all Americans "the right to send your child to the school of your choice."

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## A vendetta against Clinton — and me

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

The Wall Street Journal's vendetta against U.S. President Bill Clinton knows no bounds. Recently even I fell victim to its apparent policy of condemning anyone who defends the president.

The story began with an editor of the Journal asking me to write a "Rule of Law" column about an accusation that had been leveled against Clinton by a right-wing think tank called Judicial Watch. They had charged Clinton with breaking the law by promising to help pay the legal fees of witnesses who had been repeatedly subpoenaed, especially by the D'Amato Committee. The Judicial Watch trotted out a federal statute that prohibited the promising of anything of value to a witness with intent to influence his testimony. The editor said they had selected me because I "would have more credibility" than a right-wing group in criticizing the president.

I agreed to write the article, assuring the editor that I would try to be fair. After researching the law, I concluded that President Clinton had not violated the law by his promise. I submitted the article, which pointed out that prosecutors routinely make promises to witnesses — including reduced prison terms and cash payments — in exchange for their favorable testimony. I quoted from a Supreme Court decision which recognized that such prosecutorial promises provided an "incentive to testify falsely," but which approved the practice. I concluded that in light of this accepted prosecutorial practice, it would be unfair to single out President Clinton for his promise.

**The lesson of the 'punishment' is clear: Never try to write a fair article for the Wall Street Journal editorial page on a subject about which they have decided to be unfair.**

The Wall Street Journal published my article, but they were apparently so upset with me for not trashing the president that they took the extraordinary step of criticizing my conclusion in an editorial of their own. They also accused me of failing to disclose that I was "advising Mrs. McDougal... when [I] wrote" my article, implying that I had received vast amounts of money for my advice to McDougal by describing me as a lawyer "who runs a big-money practice." Finally, they suggested that the fact that I gave some advice to McDougal's lawyer was somehow related to what I wrote in my article.

At the time they published this collection of misstatements, the Journal knew that (1) I had not given any advice to Susan McDougal's lawyer until after I wrote and submitted my article; (2) I had not been paid for the brief advice I did give; and (3) my advice was totally unrelated to anything I wrote in my article.

They knew all this because I told the assistant editor the chronology of what had occurred, which was as follows: Several days before the Wall Street Journal asked me to write the article, Susan McDougal called my office asking if she could speak to me. Hundreds of people call me each year with similar requests. She said she did not want to testify, and told me her lawyers might call me the following week. I then wrote my article and submitted it. The editor added a brief reference to Susan McDougal, suggesting that she might testify. I told the editor that I had spoken to Ms. McDougal and that she did not want to testify. The day after I submitted my article, her lawyers did call, and we had a brief discussion about some constitutional-law issues. It never occurred to me to tell the Wall Street Journal about this after-the-fact conversation because (a) it was — at the time — confidential; (b) it had no relevance to what I had written; and (c) I had already submitted the article and it was to be published within hours.

The day after my article appeared, I received a self-righteous letter from the assistant editor saying she was "dismayed" by my actions. I then called one of the nation's leading experts on journalistic ethics and told him what happened. He assured me that I had done the right thing and that if anyone had engaged in questionable ethical practices, it was the Journal. I then challenged the Wall Street Journal to submit the issue to an objective ethics panel of their choosing. They declined.

Instead, they leaked the story to a number of right-wing journals, including statements that I had made off-the-record to the assistant editor, thus compounding their unethical behavior. As their final act of childish retaliation, they refused to publish a book review of a novel the book editor had commissioned me to write several weeks earlier, which I had already completed and which the editor said he liked very much. The assistant editor told me that this was my punishment!

The lesson of the "punishment" is clear: Never try to write a fair article for the Wall Street Journal editorial page on a subject about which they have decided to be unfair. This includes President Clinton's Whitewater problem.

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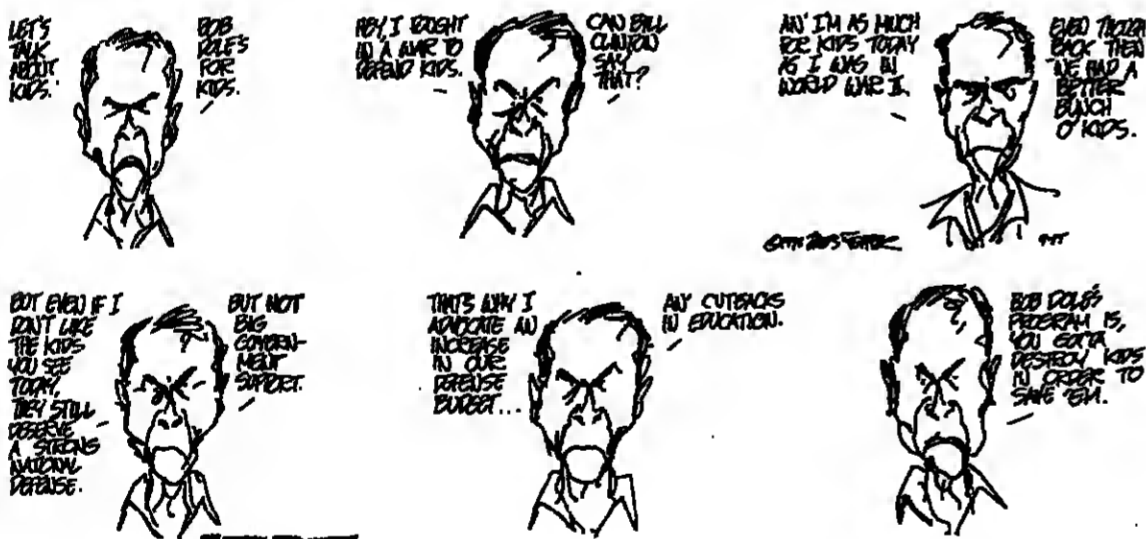


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# Despite Clinton's mistakes, there's still hope for the Gulf

BY JACOB HEILBRUNN

A bloodthirsty tyrant orders his troops to overrun an ethnic enclave, while U.N. relief workers helplessly stand by. Western European governments avert their gaze. The United States frets about becoming mired in endless conflict, partition seems inevitable.

That was the scenario in Srebrenica last July. When it happened again in Iraq, U.S. President Bill Clinton's administration didn't repeat the mistake. After ignoring initial warning signs that Iraq was preparing a new offensive against the Kurds, the administration responded by launching cruise-missile attacks and expanding the no-fly zone to the outskirts of Baghdad. Though Iraqi security forces stayed behind in Irbil, the United States did force Saddam to withdraw the bulk of his troops from the area.

So far, so good. Except for one detail. In depicting the United States as the victor, the Clintonites have ignored the fact that there has been no victory. Quite the contrary. The Kurdish imbroglio has sucked in a number of foreign powers, thereby transforming a local conflict into one with ramifications far beyond its own borders. The machinations of the Russians, Turks, Iranians, French and Germans have supplied the coup de grace to the wartime Gulf coalition. The result is a new shift in power constellations in the Persian gulf and the collapse of American grand strategy toward the region.

A solution exists. The most significant development of the past few weeks has been the reemergence of Iran as the focal point of the Persian Gulf. America's intervention on behalf of an Iranian-backed Kurdish faction increases Tehran's regional influence, and the intrusion of Iran itself into Iraqi territory has complicated the relationship between the United States and Iran. The moment has now arrived for the United States to abandon its self-defeating and anachronistic policy of isolating the Islamist state. If the United States is serious about removing Saddam from power, it must move to restore a balance of power in the Gulf, which means restoring relations with Tehran.

In contrast to their approach to many other parts of the world, the Clintonites have a strategy in place to deal with the Gulf. That strategy is called "dual containment." "Dual containment," first unveiled in 1993 by Martin Indyk, the current ambassador to Israel, is the brainchild of National Security Adviser Anthony Lake. In March 1994, in a Foreign Affairs article, he elaborated on the concept. Given enough pressure on "backlash" states, wrote Lake, they might be "transform[ed] into constructive members of the international community."

Lake's strategy was to isolate Iran and Iraq by persuading Japan, Europe and Russia to deny them international capital and weapons. In Lake's words, "building up one to counter the other is... rejected in favor of a policy of dual containment.... There is no longer a need to depend on either Iraq or Iran to maintain a favorable balance and protect U.S. friends and interests in the gulf."

Unfortunately, it is the United States, not Iran and Iraq, that has been left isolated. No other country supports cutting off trade with Iran. Germany is particularly

adamant. It hopes, as my colleague Charles Lane recently pointed out in Foreign Affairs, to carry out a new form of Ostpolitik that will, through economic and diplomatic engagement, soften up Iran for reform. Siemens, Daimler-Benz and Krupp are among the firms helping to rebuild the Iranian economy, and Bonn has underwritten \$10 billion in sales and investment there. Russia has cultivated both Baghdad and Tehran, consistently opposing U.S. efforts to maintain the post-Gulf War sanctions against Iraq and investing in Saddam's oil fields, while selling substantial amounts of weaponry to Iran.

During the Cold War, containment was possible not simply because Washington stared down Moscow, but because Germany and Japan dammed up Soviet expansionism. In the post-Cold War era, neither Middle Eastern nor western European countries are even remotely interested in adopting such a stance toward Iran. If this is containment, the container looks like a sieve.

### Containing Iran as well as Iraq has not proved to be a viable policy. In attempting to contain both, the United States has contained neither.

In its zeal to create a new Middle East, the Clinton administration has sought to evade basic realities about balance of power between states. The only real option is to return to a strategy that pits Iran and Iraq against each other. Reagan and Bush's policy of supporting Iraq against Iran ultimately failed not because the idea was unsound, but because it took on a life and logic of its own. Today, dealing with Iran need not be tantamount to allying with it. There are other ways to balance Iraq: the administration should organize the Gulf Cooperation Council countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman — into a cohesive security unit. Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah has already noted that "it has become clear to Gulf Arab states that they are facing a joint security question because they are targeted by some lurking enemies." A joint military force might help ease those fears.

Obviously, the Iranian mullahs' capacity for mischief abroad is beyond doubt. Any detente between Iran and the United States would have to address Iranian aid to Hezbollah, the Rushdie sentence and Tehran's assassination attempts abroad. But there has been movement in the upper echelons of the Iranian leadership. The revolutionary fervor that animated the society is now a spent force, and that has allowed different currents and factions to bloom.

Domestically, Iran boasts a private sector and a lively press; its population enjoys more freedoms than any of its Arab neighbors. Politically, three main political camps can be distinguished: radicals who oppose all contact with the West; conservatives who espouse a normalization of relations together with rigid cultural mores; and a third pragmatist group composed of technocrats and merchants and led by President Hashemi

Rafsanjani. America's refusal to open lines of communication probably does not fuel the ardor of the hardliners; but it may weaken the pragmatists, whose attempt to lure investment by the U.S. oil firm Conoco in the spring of 1994 was rebuffed by Washington.

It is difficult to understand why. For one thing, the United States should be encouraging companies to penetrate Iran if only so that the CIA, which traditionally uses business as a cover, can begin to infiltrate the country. As it stands, the CIA has a woefully weak base from which to operate inside Iran. This lack of information makes it harder for the United States to judge whether, and how, Iran really is changing and to begin to carry favor with its next group of leaders. When change comes in Iran, and it may come quickly, the United States should be ready to restore its old influence. After all, with its cast oil reserves and population of 70 million expected to exceed 160 million by 2020, Iran will long be the dominant state in the Gulf. The demise of the Shah in 1979 was America's greatest foreign-policy defeat after Vietnam; and Washington has once again permitted anguish over a defeat to gum up its current policy.

For a start, the United States should recognize and exploit Iran's general debility. Still exhausted from its war with Iraq, Iran has been unable to restore its armed forces; its military budget is one of the lowest in the region. Its economy remains in shambles. There is scant evidence that Iran has been able to develop a nuclear bomb, and Iran has declared that it will adhere to International Atomic Energy Agency inspection requirements.

Iran hawks such as Kenneth Timmerman, who has called for moving from containment to "roll-back," dismiss any accommodation with Iran as a pipedream. For now, however, any rolling back should be done in Iraq, which presents a far more fundamental threat to American interests than Iranian fundamentalism. The more territory the Iraq-backed Kurdish Democratic Party seizes, the faster the United States will have to aid the Iranian-supported Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. Iran is no more a rogue state than Syria or China, with whom the United States maintains relations despite their anti-American fulgurations. Washington must at least attempt to strike a modus vivendi with Tehran. Containing Iran as well as Iraq has not proved to be a viable policy. In attempting to contain both, the United States has contained neither. If Saddam is to go, the Iranians must come back.

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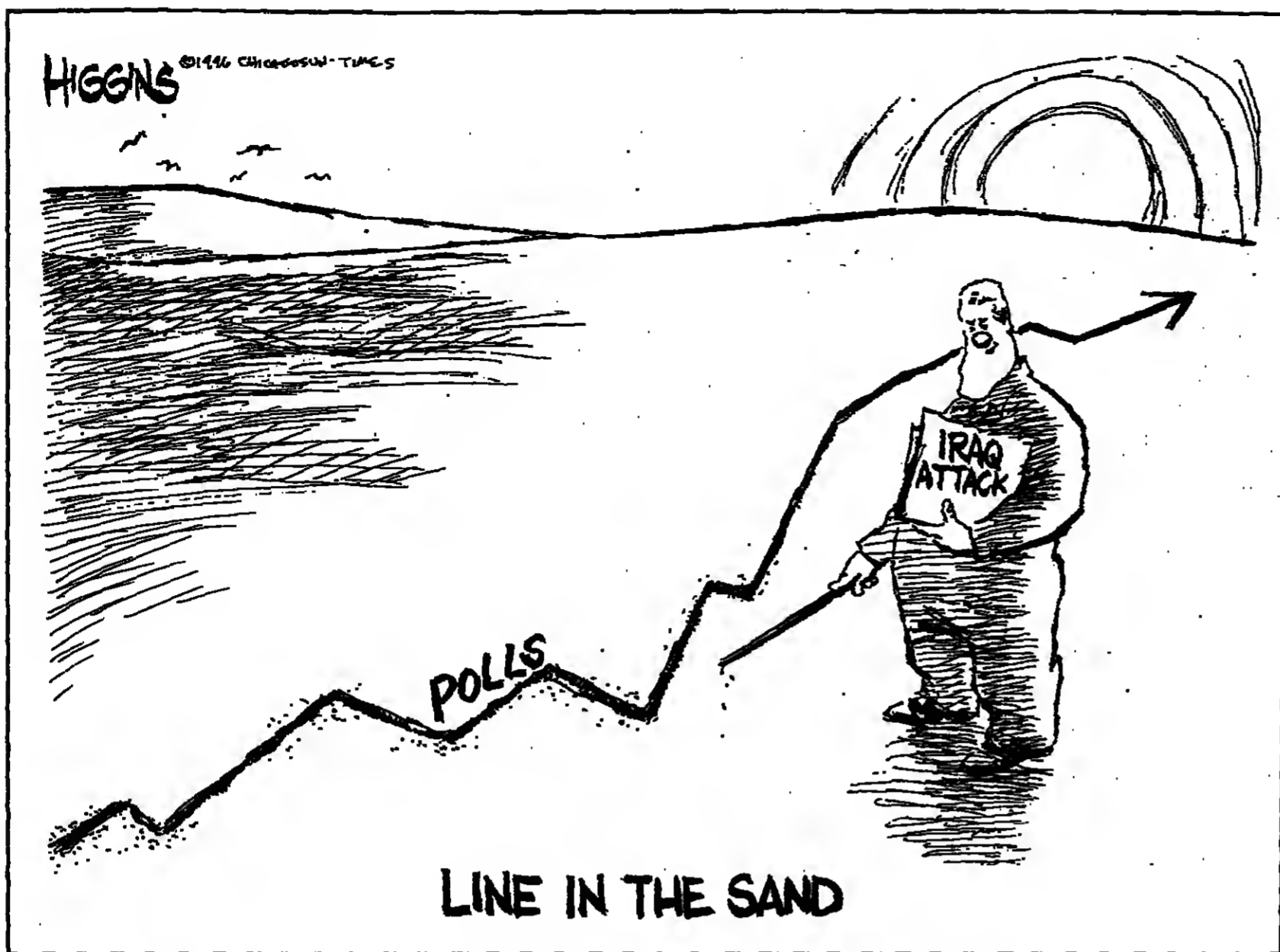
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# Haunted by ghosts, Cuomo falls flat at Success '96

BY DAVID SAMUELS

The cheering begins in nosebleed territory, in the steep rows of seats near the top of the Continental Arena, where suburban dads bring their kids to see the New Jersey Nets get blown off the court, and head-banging teens converge from the parking lots to raise their plastic lighters high in the air for White Zombie and Metallica. Nine thousand strong, the crowd is on its feet and screaming, cheers and whistles milling in waves toward the stage where Mario Cuomo stands looking back into the dark. A 50-foot screen projects the former New York governor's craggy face outward, and his black-rimmed glasses slip down his nose to give him the look of a general practice lawyer from the old neighborhood. Bridging the light of the stage to the darkness below is a giant sign that promises "Success 1996."

Cuomo plunges forward. "And they're going to give you a \$550 billion tax cut...." The applause starts again, sardonic and mocking. "And the public applauds. In the Reagan years they told you the same thing, and you wound up \$4 trillion short." The salesmen and real estate agents and would-be entrepreneurs who have filled the Continental Arena this August afternoon rise in their feet again, jeering and cursing. "Dole-Kemp! Dole-Kemp!" shouts a blood-haired young man, his shoulders too small for his wash-and-wear suit. "Now all you people who applauded, explain to me how you're going to get it," Cuomo asks. "You can't get it from defense, because they're going to spend more on defense." "Go home," someone screams from the upper deck. "You lost! You're a loser!"

Peter Lowe's Success 1996, a motivational tent-show drawing tens of thousands to arenas across the country, is no place for losers. At \$60 to \$220 a head, it is a chance to participate in the rituals of America's most vibrant — and lucrative — secular religion. The evocation of an old-fashioned tent-show revival is not coincidental. Peter Lowe — an ebullient, red-bearded ringer for Howdy Doody — is the son of Anglican missionaries and holds an M.A. in theology from Wheaton College. Lowe's chosen ministers in the church of success — including Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, Colin Powell, Tom Landry and Larry King — are ordained by a God who shows his grace through magazine covers and television cameras, and through the accumulation of personal wealth.

"In the first 10 minutes I'm going to tell you four things that will change your life," promises Zig Zigar, a spry 70-year-old with the frenetic energy of a stand-up comedian. "Failure is an event. It is not a person," he says,

informing the crowd that before he became a famous motivational speaker he drove a cab and weighed over 200 pounds. Studies by academic experts are mixed in with anecdotes about prominent Americans born into unpromising circumstances. "His mother is a part-time waitress," Zigar claims, of Harvard University President Neil Rudenstien. "His father is a prison guard." Zigar is the author of a dazzling range of books and tapes, from *Secrets of Closing the Sale* to *Christian Motivation for Daily Living*. Inspired by stories of the successful and famous, armed with motivational books and tapes, the audience is ready to go out and make it on their own.

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Having come to the Meadowlands for a dose of optimism and success, the audience is hardly in the mood to hear the former governor moan and groan about falling wages, ballooning deficits and the sacrifice it will take to bring America back. "[W]e're Americans," Cuomo says, of the GOP tax cut. "We're pragmatic and we're tough, and we don't like being conned." But the evidence from the New Jersey gathering points to a different conclusion, and Cuomo knows it. "We're not hearing that," he adds. "We love being conned. We love it." To see Mario Cuomo speak hard political truth to the optimists in the Continental Arena — originally named for former New Jersey Gov. Brendan Byrne and now a monument to privatization — is to understand why the Democrats will remain the minority party for many years to come.

As the man once hailed as the Democratic incarnation of St. Thomas Aquinas is booed and mocked by the gleeful crowd, it is hard not to feel sorry for the man and for the politics he championed for so many years in so many prime-time speeches and interviews. To watch Cuomo, a private citizen, looking helplessly out into the crowd beneath the giant banner promising success, is to feel the shabbiness of the hotel ballroom the morning after the candidate has lost his last election. Why is Mario Cuomo here?

There is the speaker's fee — tens of thousands of dollars for a half-hour speech — and there's the lure of the crowd of 9,000 people, the cheers and the applause rushing to the brain, to activate whatever powerful combination of hormones it is that keeps politicians going.

"I've been at it for 20 years," Cuomo says, talking to himself as much as to the 200 men and women picking over their plates of chicken salad at the luncheon after his speech. "And the crudest irony of all is that in my old neighborhood, South Jamaica, the schools now are not as good as they were when I was there. The streets are not as safe.... That's a terribly frustrating thing to realize when you're coming to the end of your life, that you have not been able to make your community better." No wonder the governor is haunted by ghosts. "I didn't speak the language," he remembers, thinking back to his childhood. "I didn't understand the culture." And then, standing in the echoing hallway of the Continental Arena, Mario Cuomo spreads his arms wide and, starting out low and gaining in strength, he sings a song: "There's a school called Number Fifty.... It stands for the things that are the best.... And the boys and girls who are entering are entering in win. And they work with a vim and a zest. They work with a vim — and a zest."

The audience applauds — for real — and Cuomo smiles at the memory of a time when the son of immigrants could get a good education in the public schools and dream of something better than what his father had, and could live to see his dreams come true. "See," Cuomo says. "I know the damn school song." That he remembers the words to his old school song after all these years is touching and also a little bit sad.

Mario Cuomo heard the crowd last month in Chicago as well, at a closely scripted convention at which the ghosts of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and Lyndon Johnson's Great Society were banished into the historical mists. Absent the promise of activist government that made his rhetoric soar in 1984, Cuomo's speech fell flat, and the New York Democrats who for decades worshiped and feared him began carping in the wings. After three terms in Albany, a shot at the Supreme Court and those two long-ago primary seasons when the chartered jets sat waiting on the tarmac to carry the governor to Nashua, N.H., the old school song is now barely a memory. It is all that Mario Cuomo and his party have left.

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# Die-hard Dem dumps Clinton, stumps for Dole

BY ROBERT NOVAK

While 20 percent of Republican voters nationwide were defecting to U.S. President Bill Clinton, a prominent Democrat who ran Hubert Humphrey's 1968 campaign for president came out actively in support of Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole.

Washington lawyer-lobbyist Robert C. McCandless was unveiled recently as the director of Democrats for Dole. The former counsel to the Democratic National Committee and longtime party fund-raiser is working at Dole headquarters — offering "out-reach" to fellow Democrats who also are disaffected.

But why is Bob McCandless disaffected? Not because of ideology. He is an old-fashioned, liberal, brass-collar Democrat who at age 59 never has voted for a Republican.

"I have always believed and still believe in the party of FDR, JFK and LBJ," McCandless said. "I still believe that the people who are left behind need the help of the central government to get their feet on the first rung of life's ladder."

For unreconstructed Humphreyite McCandless to ally himself with the party of Newt Gingrich and Jesse Helms reflects distress about the Democrat in the White House. "I do not believe what President Clinton says," he said. "I do not think he has a compass of ideals, morals and directions for this country. I think his North Star is determined by public-opinion polls."

That is the view of the president conveyed to me by dozens of Democrats and held by many more, including members of Congress. But most, seeing Clinton's awesome lead in the polls, have made a Faustian bargain. Moreover, they do not share McCandless' relationship with the Republican candidate.

Dole, his friend for more than 15 years and former neighbor, is viewed by McCandless as a man "whose word is his bond, who knows right from wrong." McCandless described Dole as a man who "has not forgotten his roots from poverty nor the obstacles he has overcome."

McCandless has been climbing steep hills since as a teen-ager from Hobart, Okla., without friends, money or position, he wangled a job with Sen. Robert S. Kerr so he could come to Washington to attend George Washington University. In 1964, he was back in Oklahoma helping little-known Fred Harris upset the favored Republican, former Oklahoma University football coach Bud Wilkinson, for Kerr's former Senate seat.

A midnight telephone call from Harris, co-chairman of Humphrey's 1968 presidential campaign, secured McCandless' services as national delegate coordinator. He became the 31-year-old director of Humphrey's general election campaign, which nearly closed a seemingly insurmountable lead by Richard Nixon. It also built a lifetime friendship with Humphrey.

McCandless' most audacious venture came in 1973, when he represented his former brother-in-law, Nixon White House counsel John Dean, in the Watergate affair. McCandless risked disbarment by going directly to journalists to convince them that Dean was not just trying to save himself but was being made a scapegoat by Nixon. He was not disbarred, but the day he took on Dean as a client, his prestigious Washington law firm fired him (and by noon had varnished his name off the door).

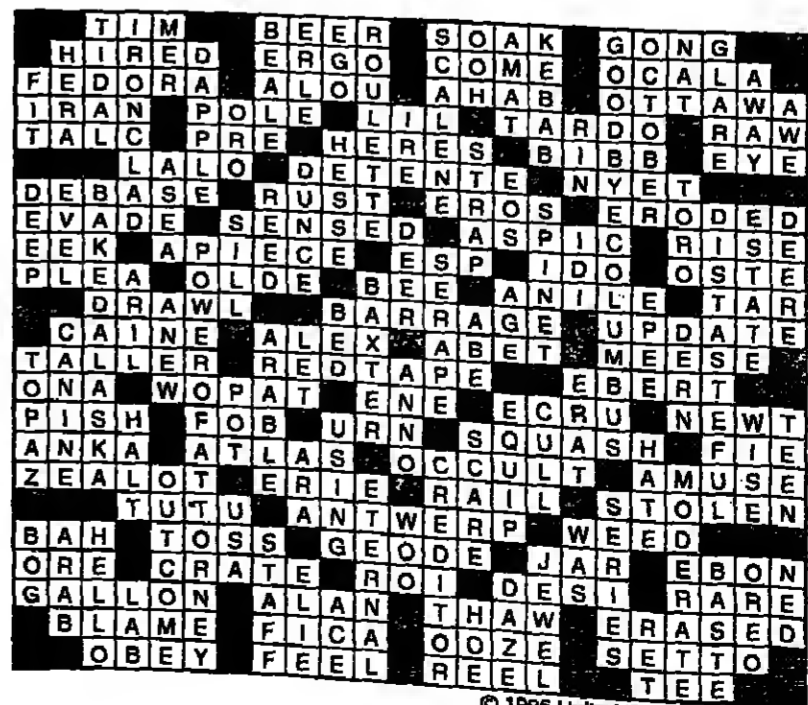
For many years, McCandless has courageously represented, mostly without fee, democratic interests in Haiti. But from Clinton's first day in office, McCandless' warnings about Jean-Bertrand Aristide went unheeded. In 1994, he resigned as a member of the Democratic Finance Council. By the end of that year, he told Dole he would support him for president if he ran in 1996.

Is Democrats for Dole a hopeless venture? McCandless told me he regards Clinton's big lead as "paper-thin," adding, "Any stumble, and I think he would roll down the hill."

"I am not interested in nor would I accept any kind of White House or administration job," McCandless said. "I remain a Democrat, and if we can defeat Clinton, I want to help rebuild the Democratic Party to be the protectors and the encouragers of the underclass." He now attempts to persuade Democrats who feel the same way to engage in temporary apostasy.

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# The mind-guided camera

ON CAMERA  
DAVID BRAUNER

FROM time immemorial, mankind has been telling stories in pictures: on cave walls, painted on pottery, carved in stone, woven into tapestries, and on the comic pages.

The photo essay is very much a part of illustrated story-telling tradition. In its heyday, the classic "picture spread" consisted of a sequence of photographs around a central theme plus a title, a brief text and captions.

The marriage of photography to the print medium first "clicked" in Germany in the late 1920s. At that time the fast, hand-held Erminox and Leica cameras were invented and the half-tone printing process was perfected. Hard-driving editors like Stefan Lorant and fired-up young photographers such as Alfred Eisenstaedt cemented the union.

Pioneering illustrated magazines published in Berlin and Munich flourished until Hitler

mat did not derive from a chronological telling of events, but rather from examining an event or place or person from a multitude of perspectives in a relatively short space of time. In effect, what *Life* magazine's original designers called "the mind-guided camera," created a new, immediate and intimate way of seeing the world.

With a camera in hand, this photographer has discovered he develops a heightened sense of place. Once during a three-week period of reserve duty in Hebron, I attempted to create a complete photographic mosaic of the Cave of the Patriarchs.

I took pictures of the building's exterior only for the record. I was much more interested in capturing



beaver away in his lab and old wooden barrels being cut in half for garden furniture said far more about the beer-making industry than all the pictures of vats and coppers.

My most recent photo essay was inspired by a neighbor who mentioned that her brother was coming from Bnei Brak to catch the sunrise service at the Western Wall. A week later I got up at 4:45 in the morning thinking "photo essay." My intention was to ferret out the unusual, the off-beat, the sidelights in a series of images that would tell a different story.

The challenge of the photo essay is to avoid the obvious, while retaining a subtle reminder of the context in the background. In other words, another shot of the Wall itself would in no way reveal or "essay" the subject.

To come home with unconventional images, the photographer must exploit not only detail, but also the photogenic vagaries of texture, contrast and light. Each image in a photo essay should reflect and highlight the minor facets that others may have seen a thousand times, but never registered.

To uncover the more fascinating aspects of a place like the Wall at dawn, one can either stand and patiently wait for things to happen, or explore and observe. A combination of the two is usually best.

On my arrival at 5:30, a worshiper sidled up and warned me that my cooing lens was "an invasion of privacy, and you might find yourself with a smashed camera." Personally, I can't think of a more public place than the Wall, and as it

turned out, no one else was the least offended. I went about my work unobtrusively without flash, and was careful not to disturb people at their devotions. The result? Well, let the pictures speak for themselves.

### WAKING UP WITH THE WALL

Friday, August 23, the eighth of Elul. Even before the sun came up, small knots of worshipers were gathered before the Western Wall. The atmosphere was sub-



dued. Almost imperceptibly the numbers increased with the first light of dawn. Everywhere services got underway. Tables with piles of sidurim seemed to crop up from nowhere. On one table, a sign said: "Lay your tefillin here." Practically every chair had a donor's plaque on it.

With the ever-increasing sunlight, religious fervor intensified. People rushed here and there. Beggars collected mooney. There were sleepy children, long-haired hippie-types and a man in a wheelchair, dispensing charity.

In no time, the Western Wall Plaza had acquired the ambience of a marketplace of Judaism. Men used the grated entrance to Wilson's Arch as hat rack and book rest. Inside the vault the illumination from candles and balogeo lamps spread an eerie, torchlight gloom over an almost other-worldly scene of prayer.

Beiog Elul, sbofart were blown. Complete and total unity descended only when the Eighteen Blessings of the Amida were gathered before the Western Wall. In those moments, one sensed the holiness of the Wall, and the New Year quietly and quickly approaching.



shut them down in 1933. Effectively, the photo essay idea was spread westward to Britain and America, with the flight of Jews such as Lorant to London's *Weekly Illustrated* and later *Picture Post*, and Eisenstaedt to New York's *Life Magazine*.

In the earliest days every issue was an experiment in content, style and layout. As the magazines grew in popularity in the '30s and '40s, the demand for fresh, different and exciting photographs steadily increased. At its peak, *Life's* circulation reached eight and half million.

The photo essay was the heart and soul of the success. The strength of the photo-story for-

the Moslem caretakers vacuuming the rugs before Friday services, the Jewish worshiper "shocking" at the crack of dawn, and the local kids playing in the courtyard. I also made close-up studies of the architectural lines and the stonework at different times of day.

On a completely different self-assignment, my camera and I once gained access to a small, independent brewery in the north of England. Wandering around from floor to creaking floor, I learned not only how beer is made, but also about the fascinating stories of the people who made it.

Shots of the brewery's chemist



Clockwise from above top:

Inside the vault, under Wilson's Arch, the artificial illumination casts an eerie light over an other-worldly scene of prayer; the sign reads 'Forbidden to talk during prayer and Torah-reading time.'

Blinding light offsets worshipers at the vault under Wilson's Arch.

A siddur (prayer book) on a rail stands out against the texture of the ancient stones.

A religious woman begins her day praying at the Wall.

The heritage of the Wall belongs to everyone: A colorful visitor to the morning rituals.

The grated entrance to Wilson's Arch serves as a convenient hat rack.

## Noisy pets

HEADS 'N' TAILS  
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

EVEN when one lives in a moshav or an agriculturally zoned village, sometimes the neighbors' pets make an unacceptable amount of noise. This is the case of a woman in a village in the Jerusalem hills who keeps a pet goat for the children. The goat, however, wants constant attention and is only silent when it is asleep or when the children come home from school and play with it. Otherwise it bleats without stopping until someone comes to it.

Goats are herd animals and as such they are extremely gregarious. Keeping a single goat all alone is really a torment for the animal because all its instincts are to be in company. That is why it is quiet when the children are around it. The best thing is to have at least two goats, and that would probably solve the problem at once.

One owner I knew, however, managed to get the goat to stop bleating by giving it a penmate of a different species - a white rabbit. The goat and the rabbit became the best of friends, the goat would lick the rabbit's fur and they usually slept snuggled together. Of course, for this solution it is important that the pen be tightly fenced and sunk into the ground so that the rabbit cannot get out.

But it is not by any means only a goat that makes a lot of noise. The baying of a donkey can also be an irritation to the neighbors, as can the crowing of a rooster or the honking of a gaggle of geese.

The donkey, like the goat, is usually making a fuss out of loneliness because these animals also have a strong herd instinct. However, a female is less likely to bay than a male, and in any case, female donkeys make nicer pets.

As for roosters, the solution is simple. If you want to keep a few chickens and have a place to do so then don't keep a male, because if

you do, nothing is going to keep him from crowing and if there are other roosters within hearing distance - and that means a kilometer at least - then they will most likely carry on a crowing competition that often lasts half the night. Despite the belief of some people, you do not need a rooster in order to get the hens to lay eggs, unless you want fertilized eggs for hatching.

Geese, particularly the ganders, make quite a bit of noise at times, which is why many farmers keep them as an alarm system since they react immediately to any intruder. In fact they can be very efficient in this respect and there's always the advantage that if they do nip an intruder they are frightening, but do no real harm and don't get taken off to quarantine like a dog does.

These animals are not so much a problem if you live in a moshav or a moshava but, today, even these areas are becoming more and more urbanized in their lifestyle and more and more people object to the added noise. If it is a place zoned as strictly urban residential, then you can find yourself in a lot of trouble with your neighbors and with the authorities.

Even the family dog may be a source of a noise nuisance, particularly an outside dog that is kept tied. Dogs in these conditions are often incessant barkers and many a neighborhood feud has been engendered because of this. Unmuzzed barking can often be decreased by putting the animal inside at night, even into the garage or other outbuilding if you have one.

It is unfortunate that so many people keep a dog outside on a chain or cable because they say they want a watch dog, yet never go out to see what the dog is barking about. This surely defeats the purpose of having the animal out there in the first place.

## The 19th century 'Jews' of Timbuktu

THERE AND THEN  
SRAYA SHAPIRO

THE Tuareg Jews were not Jews at all, but insisted on being called so.

Almost 100 years ago, Rabbi Mordechai Abi-Serour met them when he traveled to Timbuktu. He described his adventures in Hebrew, in a document which was recently published by Prof. Michael Abitbol, of the Hebrew University, in the spring issue of *Pe'amin*, the quarterly of the Ben-Zvi Institute devoted to the study of Oriental Jewry.

Scholar and adventurer - Rabbi Abi-Serour certainly was both. He was born in Aqqa, in the Sahara desert, in about 1834. Aged nine, he undertook a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, reaching it by way of Spain, Italy and Greece. After four years in the holy city, he decided to return to Africa. For a while he stayed in Algiers, teaching at the local Talmud Tora. After the French conquest, Abi-Serour returned to his native Aqqa.

The Serour family was extremely poor, and Rabbi Abi-Serour, a man of the world, decided to improve their status by joining a commercial caravan to Timbuktu which was the main in-road to Blad el-Sudan, the Black Country. He described his journey in

great detail. The caravan took six days to reach Tinduf. The next leg was a 30-day march in the Igudi region to Taoudeni - famous for its salt quarries. But in Arawan, 250 kilometers from Timbuktu, the rabbi and his brother Yitzhak were stopped: No caravan chief agreed to take the brothers southwards.

It seems that other Moroccan-based traders insisted that no Jewish merchants were allowed to Timbuktu. "I had to pay the sheikh of Arawan 100 gold pieces to let me proceed with my journey," wrote Abi-Serour.

After waiting for a year, however, Abi-Serour proceeded south, disguised as an Arab, bribing caravan beads. He finally made it to Timbuktu, where he sought the protection of a Moroccan merchant, Mohammad Ibn-Talmodi. But that was a bad move! Ibn-Talmodi tried to persuade the local chieftain to put Abi-Serour to death, or to convert him to Islam.

Somehow, Abi-Serour survived - but only by promising to deliver 500 kilograms of brimstone annually to the local strong man. Eventually, he obtained permission for several members of his

family to join him in Timbuktu. He traded mainly in ostrich quills, ivory and gold. However, his caravans were often ransacked en route to Morocco and on the return journey. Brought almost to penury, Abi-Serour returned to Morocco.

The French consul in Mogador, Auguste Beaumier, showed interest in Abi-Serour's stories about Black Africa. He also urged Abi-Serour to tell Alliance Israelite officials what he had seen of people who pretended to descend from Jews who had been settled in central Africa since the First Temple period.

Abi-Serour maintains that the term "Jew" was applied to members of the Dagathon tribe of the Tuareg whether they maintained the Jewish tradition or had long been absorbed by the Moslem majority. The Daga were dispersed over a large area, but mostly in the desert. They depended on "the true Tuareg" - the sort of cobility who lived by imposing sanctions on traders heading for Timbuktu.

The Tuareg do not mix with Daga and it is considered below

their dignity to marry a Jew. The Daga are white as snow and "very beautiful," assured Abi-Serour. "The Tuareg didn't treat them nicely, though the Daga supported the Tuareg in their wars. Neither the Tuareg nor the Daga could read or write, they had no books or manuscripts. They never prayed, though they venerate Mohammed. But there existed cemeteries with tombstones, allegedly bearing inscriptions

almost 2,000 years old, wrote Abi-Serour.

Nevertheless, Prof. Abitbol assures us that there is absolutely no reason to assume that the forebears of the Daga were even remotely Jewish. In the local social strata, the Daga were treated as the lowest caste of menial worker; the term "Jews" was applied to members of this lower caste, whatever their origins, simply as a pejorative.



The very waters of life, according to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions, are said to flow from the Holy Land of the ancient Middle East region. Yet today's politicians are charting a perilous course: their policies could bury the area under desert sand and concrete, shatter hopes for lasting peace, and pose a threat far beyond the immediate reality.

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ONE LEG UP - Newcastle's Faustino Asprilla evades Leeds' Carlton Palmer's outstretched leg as he heads towards the ball.

Evans after Liverpool win: We can play even better Newcastle jumps to second place with 1-0 win at Leeds

LONDON (Reuter) - Liverpool manager Roy Evans warned his Premier League rivals yesterday his side can play even better after demolishing Chelsea 5-1 in their top-of-the-table clash.

Dennis Wise, put Liverpool 5-0 up. Frenchman Frank LeBouef scored a consolation for Chelsea with an 85th minute penalty after Mark Hughes was tripped in the Liverpool box.

Evans said, "I was pleased with our movement but our passing was sloppy. I was delighted with the result in the end, but only reasonably pleased with the performance."

Liverpool, which has won five and drawn two of its opening seven matches to lead the standings by two points over Newcastle, totally outclassed Rudd Gullit's team which started the day in third place and was unbeaten themselves.

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Adams's alcoholism exposes darker side of British pub culture

LONDON (Reuter) - British pub culture, celebrated in prose, song and soap opera, exposed its darker side last weekend.

Former England soccer captain Tony Adams, who had already endured a spell in prison for driving while drunk, confessed he was an alcoholic and admitted he was attending meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

for his battle with the bottle as his goal scoring prowess. Greaves came into the game during the 1950s when a maximum wage was imposed on British footballers.

could run it off next day in training." Greaves stopped when he realized drink was slowly killing him.

Report: Haley advised not to play IRVING, Texas (AP) - Charles Haley's doctor has advised him not to play for several weeks because his chronically sore back is deteriorating.

Leics. wins county c'ship

LONDON (Reuter) - Leicestershire won the English county championship yesterday when Surrey forfeited its first innings against Worcestershire at The Oval.

Ailing Indurain withdraws from Tour of Spain

LAGOS DE COVADONGA, Spain (Reuter) - Miguel Indurain looks set to finish his career without winning his country's premier race after abandoning the Tour of Spain on Friday.

Indurain had slowed to a leisurely pace and dismounted in front of his team hotel, some 30 kms from the finish line.

Yesterday, Indurain flew to the southeastern coastal resort town of Benidorm to be with his wife and son. He is expected to announce in the coming days whether he will take part in the World Championships scheduled for later this year.

Advertisement for Padres beer, featuring a bottle and the text 'Padres' and 'RATES'.



# Betar Jerusalem wins in the Negev

**BETAR JERUSALEM** and Hapoel Petah Tikva put on convincing displays yesterday to show that they are justifiably the only two remaining sides in the National League with perfect records.

The Jerusalemites take top spot with a better goal difference after their very positive showing against Hapoel Beersheba in the Negev last night, while Petah Tikva is not far behind, following the team's 2-1 away win over Hapoel Beit She'an.

Maccabi Haifa came unstuck in its match against Ironi Rishon, letting a two-goal advantage slip away. Maccabi Tel Aviv was far from convincing in its warmup for the crucial UEFA Cup clash with Tenerife on Wednesday, managing only a late loose-goal winner against Maccabi Herzliya.

Hapoel Beersheba scored its first win of the season on Friday with a 2-0 win over Hapoel Kfar Sava.

**Hapoel Beersheba 3**  
**Betar Jerusalem 1**

Betar Jerusalem gave further proof it is to be taken seriously as title contenders, after trouncing Hapoel Beersheba 3-1 in the Negev capital.

While Betar played its usual skillful and enthusiastic game, Beersheba hasn't yet gotten its act together yet. Giovanni Russo and Emil Halilovich are talented players, but are not in tandem with their teammates. Coach Eli Gutman has his work cut out in this regard.

Betar went ahead in the 25th minute, when Stefan Saloi scored a brilliant goal. Eleven minutes later, Eli Ohana made it 2-0, which remained unchanged until halftime. Betar continued to dominate, taking advantage of the fact that Shai Holtzman showed his frustration by playing an overly selfish game, which added nothing to the home team's attack.

In the 62nd minute, Ohana put it beyond doubt, as he scored his second goal, to make it 3-0.

In the last minute, Russo gave Beersheba its consolation goal.

**Maccabi Herzliya 0**  
**Maccabi Tel Aviv 1**

Four days before their vital second-leg match against Tenerife, Maccabi Tel Aviv, playing before a crowd of 8,000 at Herzliya, dominated throughout.

Tel Aviv had chances galore, but had a hard time scoring. Herzliya, which is near the bottom of the heap, played a super-defensive formation, which Tel Aviv had a hard time cracking. The first half ended goalless, as Tel Aviv banged their heads against a wall, despite some creative midfield work by Avi Nimni, which kept the attacks rolling from flanks and center.

Coach Abraham Grant made several changes early in the second half, with Noam Shoham and

Eli Driks replacing Haim Hajaj and Igor Metveyev. These paid off in the 65th minute. Shoham got hold of a loose ball in midfield. A pass down the left to Driks, who crossed it to Nir Klinger. A good header beat Shuli Gilardi, and 1-0 to Tel Aviv.

Herzliya's defensive tactics caused the game to get overly rough, especially in the second half. Referee Ya'akov Ben-Hamo kept order well, flashing the yellow card several times (Hajaj, Metveyev, Guy Gat and Yaniv Cohen). Herzliya never really looked dangerous, despite Tel Aviv's vaunted defense not being in top form.

**Haifa 2, Bnei Yehuda 2**

Only a paltry 3,500 fans turned out to see Hapoel Haifa in its first Friday match at Kiryat Eliezer and the result may make the team think again about returning to its regular playing day on Saturday.

It was not a good performance by the Haifa side which is hoping to mount a serious challenge for top honors this season. The first half saw the team in disarray and the visitors from the Haifa Quarter capitalized and went ahead through an Alon Mizrahi penalty in the 22nd minute.

Haifa's poor showing prompted coach Ivan Katalinic to make a drastic change and he brought in two substitutes in the second half. This still failed to precipitate the breakthrough and Katalinic then replaced Reuven Atar with Hisham Zubi.

Tal Banin finally leveled the scores with a well-taken free kick from 16 meters which left Bnei Yehuda goalkeeper Guy Nahshon helpless. Zubi looked to be justifying the hopes Katalinic had placed in him and he duly obliged by putting Haifa ahead in the 83rd minute.

All Haifa's good work was undone in the final minute when a blatant defensive blunder allowed Kobi Refiah to pounce on a loose ball and level the scores at the final whistle.

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**Betar Jerusalem 0**

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### ORI LEWIS and JONATHAN ARIEL

Jerusalem gained more of an advantage in the last minute of the half, when Kfar Sava's influential midfielder, Gabor Marton, was sent off. That advantage was short-lived, however, as referee Shmuel Steiff restored the balance of power when he sent off Jerusalem's Shlomi Danino a minute after the restart.

**Mac. PT 1, Hap. Taiba 0**

The hosts gained a justified result in a match which saw them dominate for most of the 90 minutes. Proceedings opened with a minute's silence to honor the memory of Yigal Malul, brother of Petah Tikva goalkeeper Gilan Malul who was killed in a car accident on Thursday.

Petah Tikva finally made the breakthrough in the 29th minute when he completed a move created by Ofer Shlirut who was excellent throughout the encounter.

**Hap. Beit She'an 1**  
**Hap. PT 2**

Petah Tikva's excellent start to the season continues and it made sense of announcing its arrival in Beit She'an in style. The visitors took the game to their opponents and Motti Kalkon struck a ninth-minute penalty to ensure that the road to a third consecutive win would be easier to travel.

Petah Tikva continued to dominate for most of the second half as well, and Kalkon slotted home again in the 71st minute to make it 2-0.

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Haifa might have had two more goals in the first half, first when Ronnie Levy was clear of the defense but was adjudged offside and then when Pezi Shirazi saw his shot trickle past the post as the gaping gnmouth was left unguarded by the Strauss and the Rishon defenders.

The second half was a totally different affair and Rishon opened

in a frenzy.

Tomas Cibola reduced the deficit to 2-1 with a well taken shot after he controlled the ball from a corner and shot high past Bonnie Ginsburg in the Haifa goal.

Cibola added his and Rishon's second goal two minutes later from the same right-hand corner close to the goal as he headed home a perfect cross.

# Mac. RG makes up for lost time

ELI GRONER

AFTER being on edge for weeks regarding their status, Maccabi Ramat Gan took out their aggression on Bnei Herzliya with a 78-65 romp in National Basketball League play last night.

Hapoel Jerusalem found out what life can be like trying to balance a European and a league schedule, before bouncing back from a first-half scare to overtake Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Hapoel Galil Elyon also needed a second-half turnaround to defeat Hapoel Eilat, while Maccabi Tel Aviv, Maccabi Rishon and Hapoel Holon blew by Ra'anana, Givat Shmuel and Hapoel Sefed, respectively in league action played a day earlier due to Yom Kippur tonight.

**Hap. Galil Elyon 87**  
**Hap. Eilat 83**

The Galil youngsters played like seasoned veterans while maintaining their composure to mount a terrific comeback, en route to the important home victory.

After falling behind 38-29, Alon Stein, Gil Sela, Guy Kantor and Gur Shelef turned their play up a notch, enabling them to jump ahead 60-55.

Eilat's Joe Dawson displayed a fantastic inside-outside game and did his best to cool off the smoking northerners. But when the youngsters started firing, Galil's Andrew Kennedy caught fire.

Thanks to Kennedy's 19 second-half points, Galil was able to extend its lead to 78-65 with 2:13 on the clock.

At that point, Dawson, who played with four fouls for most of the second half, buried a three-pointer to keep the southerners in the game. A couple of Amir Katz jumpers, sandwiched around two Meir Tapiro free-throws, cut the gap to only 82-78 with 25 seconds to play. But a clutch three-pointer by Stein put the game out of reach.

Kennedy led Galil with 21 points, while Stein and Shelef chipped in 17 and 13, respectively. Dawson led all scorers with 25 points, while Katz added 16.

**Hap. Jerusalem 100**  
**Hap. TA 85**

It appears Hapoel Jerusalem is discovering just how difficult it is to play two games a week.

Coming off an overtime win Tuesday on Wednesday, Jerusalem had to overcome a sluggish start before bouncing back to secure the victory.

Tel Aviv, entering the game with an 0-2 record, were desperate for a victory. With their proverbial backs to the wall, visiting Tel Aviv came out firing, jumping out to a 16-13 lead.

Even Adi Gordon's spark off the bench couldn't thwart the determined Tel Avivians, who maintained a lead throughout the entire first half.

After a half-time tongue-lashing by coach Pimny Gershon, the Jerusalemites started the second half like gangbusters. Dan Bingheimer and Adi Gordon proved to be a terrific offensive tandem, while Papi Turgenman shut down Michael Lloyd on defense.

With Jerusalem playing as well as they can, Tel Aviv weren't able to even keep it close, and Jerusalem cruised to the victory.

Motti Daniel was the high scorer for Jerusalem, with 19 points, in addition to his pressure defense and constant hustle.

Gordon, Bingheimer, Billy Thompson and Pini Levy also had double-digit point totals.

For Tel Aviv, Demetri Hill and

Lloyd scored 24 apiece.

**Mac. Tel Aviv 89**  
**Mac. Ra'anana 65**

Defense. That fundamental aspect of the game is what makes this years Maccabi Tel Aviv team special, and it was the key to their easy home victory last night, as Nadev Heneftel, Constantin Popa, Randy White, Doron Sheffer and Buck Johnson totally stifled Arik Shiba's club.

The offense produced as well. With White inside, Johnson from medium range, and Oded Kanash from long-distance, the Tel Aviv offense was clicking on all cylinders.

Shiba tried to maintain a slow pace, using up the clock while playing a zone defense. But it was to no avail, as Zvika Sherf's powerful club looked as good as they did in France on Thursday.

Johnson and White led all scorers, with 21 and 15, respectively. Paul Thompson tallied 19 for Ra'anana.

**Mac. Ramat Gan 78**  
**Bnei Herzliya 65**

For Ramat Gan fans, the wait was well worth it. After waiting for a court decision as to which team would finally get to play in the first division, Ramat Gan opened their season last night with an impressive road victory.

The Ramat Gan squad could hardly contain their excitement at finally seeing some (basketball) court time, and their aggressive man-to-man defense confounded the Herzliyan's throughout.

Ramat Gan played a solid game, with Corey Williams scoring 22 points and Tony Massup contributing 15. Meanwhile, Herzliya was sloppy and forcing bad shots.

Herzliya coach Muli Katzurim summarized his team's efforts by saying "we did nothing the entire game. It is extremely frustrating."

**Hap. Holon 91**  
**Hap. Safed 79**

Holon showed they will be a formidable team at home by outclassing Safed.

Holon provided a solid team effort with crisp passing and finding the open shots. A significant amount of those shots were taken by Derrick Hamilton, who tallied 18 points within the team framework.

However, it wasn't smooth sailing throughout. With the score 82-69 in Holon's favor, the home team got lazy, and Safed utilized the Holon sluggishness to close the gap to 84-79 with 1:14 left to play.

It was then that veteran sharpshooter Milt Wagner nailed a turnaround jump-shot, followed by a free-throw, to help save off the southerners.

**Mac. Rishon 118**  
**Givat Shmuel 98**

The talent discrepancy between the two teams manifested itself on the scoreboard at the end of this rout.

Rishon's Darren Daye was at his best in leading the hosts to a 3-0 record.

Sharon Sharkazi distinguished himself in the losing effort.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts.
Betar Jerusalem	3	3	0	0	9	3	6	9
Hapoel Petah Tikva	3	2	1	0	6	3	3	7
Maccabi Haifa	3	2	1	0	6	3	3	7
Maccabi Petah Tikva	3	2	1	0	6	4	2	6
Maccabi Tel Aviv	3	2	1	0	4	4	0	6
Zafirim Holon	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	4
Ironi Rishon Lezion	3	1	1	1	7	7	0	4
Hapoel Haifa	3	1	1	1	6	6	0	4
Hapoel Tel Aviv	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
Bnei Yehuda	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4
Hapoel Beersheba	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	3
Hapoel Jerusalem	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	3
Hapoel Taiba	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	3
Maccabi Herzliya	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	3
Hapoel Kfar Sava	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	3
Hapoel Beit She'an	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	3

### SECOND DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts.
Hapoel Bat Yam	2	2	0	0	7	1	6	6
Hakoah Ramat Gan	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
Ironi Ashdod	2	2	0	0	6	2	4	6
Hapoel Ashdod	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
Hapoel Ramat Gan	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	3
Ness Ziona	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	3
Hapoel Ashkelon	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	3
Maccabi Acre	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	3
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	2	1	1	0	3	3	0	3
Betar Tel Aviv	2	2	0	0	3	3	0	2
Hapoel Hadera	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	2
Maccabi Jaffe	2	1	1	0	3	4	-1	1
Maccabi Kfar Kana	2	1	1	0	1	2	-1	1
Maccabi Netanya	2	1	1	0	1	4	-3	1
Maccabi Yavne	2	1	1	0	5	5	0	1
Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	2	1	1	0	2	6	-4	1

This week's winning Sportoto line: 1,1,X,2,1,X,2,2,2,2,2,X,1,X  
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# Padres pull within half game of Dodgers

SAN DIEGO (Reuter) - The San Diego Padres pulled within half a game of Los Angeles in the National League West title race and regained sole possession of the wild card lead with a crucial 4-2 victory over the Dodgers on Friday.

Joey Hamilton allowed just three Dodger hits over 7 1/2 innings and Steve Finley hit a pair of solo

home runs to keep San Diego in the thick of the title hunt.

The West race could come right down to the wire as San Diego has seven games remaining, five

of them with first-place Los Angeles. The Dodgers have eight games left.

Hamilton (15-8) yielded two runs with five walks and nine

strikeouts. Trevor Hoffman pitched 1 1/2 perfect innings for his 38th save.

Finley tagged knuckleballer Tom Candiotti (9-10) for his 26th homer in the first and 27th in the

fourth for a 2-0 lead. Ken Caminiti added his 38th homer for San Diego against reliever Mark Guthrie to lead off the eighth.

**WILD CARD RACE**

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	87	68	.561	-
Montreal	85	68	.556	1
Colorado	80	75	.518	7

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	81	62	.566	6
Montreal	80	68	.540	12
Florida	74	80	.481	17 1/2
New York	69	85	.448	22 1/2
Philadelphia	62	92	.403	29 1/2

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	87	68	.561	-
Baltimore	83	70	.542	4
Boston	80	73	.523	7
Toronto	69	84	.451	18
Detroit	52	102	.338	35 1/2

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Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 4  
Florida 3, Houston 1  
New York 5, Philadelphia 2  
Atlanta 3, Montreal 2  
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 2  
San Francisco 6, Colorado 2  
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 2

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Dollar up against mark

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar rose against the German mark and fell against most major currencies Friday as investors fled the mark on clearer signs that Europe is back on schedule.

Continued expectations that the US Federal Reserve will raise interest rates, next week lifted the dollar against the Japanese yen and helped its rise against the mark.

However, traders largely paid attention to an opinion piece Friday written by the finance ministers of Germany and France, Europe's two largest economies, saying they clearly want a single currency by 1999.

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## FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\*1/2 BEAUTIFUL GIRLS - Set on the weekend of a high-school reunion in a snowy Massachusetts town, Ted Demme's film doesn't really center on the pretty women of its title, but on a gang of working-class guys in their late 20s, each of whom seems trapped in his own family desperate way between the familiar patterns of adolescence and a scarier, unknown future. While the picture may sound like yet another dully narcissistic testimony to young male commitment-jitters, it actually evolves into something a good deal more expansive

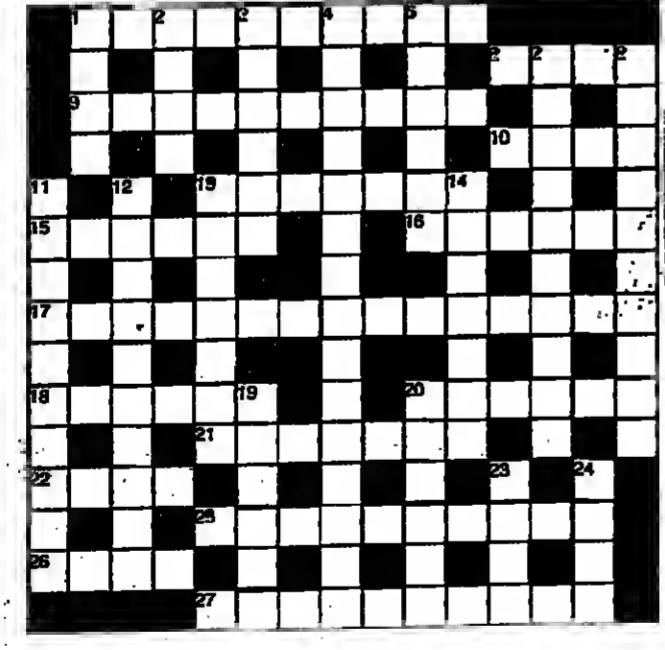
\*\*\* JUMANJI - The title "character" of this kids' film is a magical board game that subjects its players to a range of actual, deep-jungle adventures. Whenever the dice are rolled, a squadron of African bats will appear from nowhere, or a gang of monkeys, a fleet of killer mosquitoes, a monsoon. Part of what's funny about the film (as opposed to frightening) is the consciously phony look of most of the special effects. For example, as they systematically wreck the interior of a well-appointed New England kitchen, the monkeys appear to be mechanized dolls, puppet-like little primates with fake-fur tails and painted faces. While this might detract from the realism of an adult film, the deliberately make-believe appearance of the animals lends the movie a necessary playful edge. With Robin Williams. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles, General audiences.)

## FERNANZU



## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 What autumn leaves are doing in decline (7,3)
  - 6 Very keen to use a video-camera inside (4)
  - 9 It might be raised to make a point (10)
  - 10 Dark blue flower (4)
  - 13 Chic queen is not so stupid (7)
  - 15 Poorly made attempt remains within (6)
  - 16 Impractical person didn't start the rotating instrument (6)
  - 17 In a position to know what goes on away from the public view (6,3,6)
  - 18 Man enters new order (6)
  - 20 Please remove the tree (6)
  - 21 Be inclined to think that he did it (7)
  - 22 He will take part in the musical tomorrow (4)
  - 25 Non-drinking seamen can get in with this in France (10)
  - 26 Lady from east also coming back (4)
  - 27 Thought it could be seen in the mirror (10)
- DOWN**
- 1 Scottish flute? (4)
  - 2 Fat heartless landowner (4)
  - 3 I name fellow with girl of ill-repute (6)
  - 4 Presumably it's not the place for private patients (7,3)
  - 5 Proposal that could touch the Queen (6)
  - 7 In a robe or undergarment, the chaps with Edward (10)
  - 8 Upset, not having kept one's hair on? (10)
  - 11 Standing firm met a stranger, one from the same place (6-4)
  - 12 Nothing was converted into capital (10)
  - 13 Fling cape with timidity (7)
  - 14 Old British soldier carted nothing off (7)
  - 19 Fall for a rider (6)
  - 20 Picturesque nice design in South Carolina (6)
  - 23 Opposed to endless caper (4)
  - 24 Low average (4)



### SOLUTIONS

**ACROSS:** 1 Wreck, 4 Order, 10 Cobbler, 11 Erect, 13 Rise, 15 Abstain, 16 Gals, 17 Caged, 18 Asses, 21 Dart, 25 Widows, 27 Enema, 29 Lint, 30 Instant, 31 Sore, 32 Under.  
**DOWN:** 2 Robin, 3 Collage, 5 Reads, 6 Elmira, 7 Score, 8 Trial, 9 Stunt, 14 Bear, 15 Adds, 18 Artisan, 20 Sheen, 21 Swell, 23 Astir, 24 Petty, 28 Enter, 28 Shade.

## QUICK CROSSWORD

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Peak (8)	1 Pattern (5)
7 Having organs of hearing (5)	2 Erect (7)
8 Communal bedroom (9)	3 Look-alike (4)
9 Plan (3)	4 Crustacean (6)
10 Toboggan (4)	5 Small particle (5)
11 Spider's net (6)	6 Skiffily (7)
13 Asacia (6)	7 Humbug (7)
14 Predatory bird (6)	8 Drugery (7)
17 Endue with life (6)	9 Conflict (7)
18 Roman post (4)	10 Pillaged (7)
20 Aviate (3)	11 Counteract (6)
22 Candle (9)	12 Striving (5)
23 Liquid (6)	13 Flick (4)
24 Senselessly (8)	

## ITV 3 (33)

No programs - Yom Kippur

## ETV 2 (23)

No programs - Yom Kippur

## FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Seeing Stars 9:30 Seeing Stars 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Days of Our Lives 11:20 Paris Nova 12:10 Neighbours 12:35 Dates 13:30 Starting at 1:30

## MOVIE CHANNEL

11:30 Hearts on Fire (1991) - a woman suffering from a muscle disease discovers that her husband and her nurse have fallen in love. With Lesley Ann Warren (89 mins.) 12:00 When's New at the Movies 13:15 Wedding Rehearsal (1932) - Reggie, the Marquis of Buckminster, thwarts his grandmother's plans to marry him off by finding husbands for all the girls on her list. With Merle Oberon and Ronald Young. Produced by Alexander Korda (75 mins.)

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

### SUNDAY EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Jafia Gate, 628-3898; Batsam, Salah o-Din, 627-2115; Shufat, Herod's Gate, 581-0106; Der Aldeva, Herod's Gate, 628-2058; Tel Aviv: Benny, 174 Dizengoff, 522-2386; Kupat Holim Chail, 7-9 Amsterdam, 623-2383; Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Super Pharm, 3 Ostshinsky, Kfar Sava, 765-8899; Netanya: Hanassi, 36 Weizmann, 623-6363; Krayot area: Niphram Shavit, Shavit Center, Kiyat Ala, 844-3778; Haifa: Derech Hayam, 209 Derech Hayam, 837-1472; Upper Nazareth: Cial Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 570468. Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Shaare Zedek (Internal, Obstetrics, ENT); Bikur Holim (surgery); Hadassah Ein Keren (orthopedics, pediatrics, ophthalmology). Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center Dana Pediatric Hospital (pediatrics); Tel Aviv Medical Center (Internal, surgery). Netanya: Laniado.

### MONDAY EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: (day and evening) Jafia Gate, 628-3898; Batsam, Salah o-Din, 627-2115; Shufat, Shufat Road, 581-0106; Der Aldeva, Herod's Gate, 628-2058; Tel Aviv: (day) El Kamal, 65 Yefet, Jafia, 628-3381; Kupat Holim Maacabi, 7 Ha-Shia, 546-5558; (evening) Benny, 174 Dizengoff, 522-2386; Kupat Holim Chail, 7-9 Amsterdam, 623-2383. From 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.: Pharma Daf Jabotinsky, 125 Ibn Gvrol, 546-2040; Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: (day) Arim Mall, Katsnelson, Kfar Sava, 767-7908; (evening) Hadar, 12 Habanin, Hod Hasharon, 401435; Netanya: Hanassi, 36 Weizmann, 623-6363; Krayot area: Krayot, 1 Habagana, Kiyat Blak, 872-1665; Haifa: Carmelit, 8 Elahu Hanavi, 867-5175; Upper Nazareth: Cial Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 570468. Open 7:15 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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## PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Hong Kong Cricket - live 14:00 This Week in Cricket 14:30 Car Racing Formula 1 Portuguese Grand Prix, the race - live 17:00 Golf 18:00 Asian Sports Show 18:30 Tennis: Hamlet Cup, 2nd semi-final 20:30 Hong Kong Cricket - the Match (pt) 13:25 Face to Face (pt) 14:05 White Heat 15:05 Breakfast with Frost 16:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld (pt) 17:05 Horizons (pt) 18:20 Earth Report 18:30 Fat Man in France 19:20 The Last Days of the Wall (pt) 20:20 Window on Europe (pt) 21:05 Timewatch 22:30 Farnborough Aerial Show 23:00 World Business Report

## CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Asian News 7:30 Science and Technology 8:30 World Sport 9:30 Style with Elsa Young 10:30 CNN Computer Connection 11:00 World Report 12:30 World Business 12:40 News 13:30 The Week in Pro Golf 15:00 Larry King Weekend 16:30 World Sport (pt) 17:30 Science and Technology 18:00 CNN's Late Edition 22:30 Investigative Reports 23:00 Spotlight with Elsa Young 23:30 World Sport 00:20 The World Today 00:30 Future World 01:30 News 01:50 Earth Report 2:00 Headline News

## SKY NEWS

News on the hour 6:30 The Entertainment Show 8:30 Sports Sunday 10:30 Sunday Business News 11:00 World News 12:00 The Book Show 13:30 Week in Review 14:30 Beyond 2000 15:30 International Report 16:30 Court TV 17:30 Week in Review

## RADIO

### VOICE OF MUSIC

8:05 Morning Concert 8:05 Bach: Sonata no 9 in G for violin and harpsichord (Laredo, Gould); Haydn: String quartet in D op 645 "The Lark" (Tatari); Janacek: Lachian Dances (Rotterdam PO/Conlon); Prokofiev: Piano concerto no 3 (Kissin/Moscow Sym PO/Chistyakov); Mahler: Symphony no 8 (NYPO/Mazur) 12:00 Light Classical - Chopin: Piano concerto no 2 (Kissin); Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings (Moscow Virtuosi/Spyalov); 13:00 Artist of the Week - Boris Pergamenschilow, cello. Glazunov: Cello concerto (with Bavarian RSO/Shallon); Boris Tishchenko: Concerto for cello, 17 wind instruments, percussion and organ (with Bavarian RSO/Shallon) 14:05 Prime Minister's greetings to bereaved families 14:20 Closedown

## TELEVISION

### MONDAY

#### CHANNEL 1

No daytime programs - Yom Kippur

#### EDUCATIONAL TV

No programs - Yom Kippur

#### CHANNEL 1

HEBREW PROGRAMS  
 20:00 Mabat News 20:20 Unetaneh Tokot - documentary 21:15 A Song for Shimon - Part 2 of a memorial tribute to the late singing Rabbi Shimon Carlebach 21:50 The Lazarus Man 22:40 News 22:45 Hannah and her Sisters 00:30 Verse of the Day

#### CHANNEL 2

20:00 My Yom Kippur - documentary 20:30 News 20:40 Iche - comedy series with Sali Fein 21:15 Mississippi Burning (1988) - two FBI agents are sent in 1964 to a small Mississippi town to investigate the disappearance of three civil rights workers. Starring Gene Hackman. (125 mins.) 23:45 The Last Jew - Israeli film about the buddy of a soldier killed in action on the last day of the Yom Kippur War. He tries to comfort his friend's bereaved family by reading them a poem he wrote himself, but which he attributes to the deceased. Although well intentioned, he gets caught up in a web of lies. Starring Shraga Harpezi 1:30 On the Edge of the Shell

#### JORDAN TV

14:05 Adventures on the Rainbow Pond 14:30 Oscar's Orchestra 14:45 Playabout 15:15 World Echo - documentary 15:50 Hey Day 16:00 French programs 18:00 News in French 18:30 News headlines 18:35 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna 19:00 Deep Probe Expeditions - documentary 20:10 The Lazarus Man 21:00 News in English 21:25 The Bold and the Beautiful 22:15 Bodies of Evidence - police drama

#### MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 Quantum Shopping 8:00 TV Shop 14:30 The 700 Club 15:00 Larry King 16:30 The A-Team 16:55 Family Challenge 17:45 Family Matters 18:10 Saved by the Bell 18:35 Day and Date 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 Cosby 20:25 Minor Adjustments 20:50 Major Dad 21:15 Diagnosis Murder 22:05 Matlock 23:00 CNN 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

## CABLE

### ITV 8 (33)

20:00 Mabat News 20:15 Jules et Jim (1961) - A World War II romance about a country girl and two students is renewed after the war. Starring Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner and Henri Serot. (104 mins.) 22:00 Adventures and Challenges 22:35 Inside Stuff 23:25 Hebrew Videoclips

### ETV 2 (23)

No programs - Yom Kippur

### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

20:00 Girlness Love - TV movie examining psychological and practical aspects of alimony in Israel society 20:30 Love Can Build a Bridge - love series about a mother and daughter who became country-music stars. Part 1 21:55 Love Can Build a Bridge - part 2 23:20 Fraser 23:45 Melissa Place 00:30 Models Inc. 1:20 Hill Street Blues

### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

## CINEMA

1-2 = 6874311 Independence Day@Spy Hard 8:30 RAV-MOR 1-7 = 8410858 Strip tease@Phantomon@Beautiful Girls@The Rock @Independence Day @ Spy Hard 9:30 RAV-MOR = 8240263 Phenomenon@The Rock @ Strip tease 8:30

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18:00 Live at Five 19:30 Sunday with Adam Boulton 20:30 Sportline 21:30 Sunday Business News 22:30 International Report 00:30 CBS News 1:30 ABC News

## CHILDREN (6)

20:30 Roseanne 20:55 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:10 Big Brother Jake 21:35 Look Who's Talking

## DISCOVERY (8)

22:00 Family Business (French, 1989) - the story of a French family whose business is relocating. The city is disturbed when the son, the "brain" of the family, falls in love and decides to go Hispanic. With Johnny Hallyday and Guy Marchand. Directed by Costa-Gavras. (99 mins.) 23:45 Death Drums Along the River 1963 - a British colonial policeman investigates a murder in a hospital and discovers a silver mine. With Richard Todd and Marianne Koch. (79 mins.)

## DISCOVERY (8)

21:00 Surviving the Rain Forest 22:00 The Secret Tiger 23:00 Cats 00:00 Open University

## SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Executive Lifestyle 6:30 Europe 2000 7:30 Today 8:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 10:00 European Money 10:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 16:00 MSNBC - The Site 17:00 National Geographic 18:00 Fashion File 18:30 The Ticket 19:00 The Seaira Scott Show 20:00 Dateline 21:00 Sport: The Shulheim Cup 22:00 The Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno 23:00 The Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien 00:00 The Best of Later with Greg Kinnear 1:00 The Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2:00 MSNBC - Intermix

## STAR PLUS

8:00 Mr. Behavador 8:30 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 7:00 Video Fashion News 7:30 Gabriella 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 10:30 Charles in Charge 10:00 M\*A\*S\*H 11:30 Special: Mr. World 1996, Istanbul 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Star Barbara 20:00 Sports: Mr. World 1996, Istanbul (pt) 22:00 The Twilight Zone 22:30 VideoFashion News 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hoopeman 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivan 1:30 Gabriella

## CHANNEL 5

21:00 IndyCar Racing 22:00 English League Soccer 23:00 Baseball: Game of the Week 00:00 UEFA Cup Soccer - Tenerife vs Maccabi Tel Aviv

## EUROSPORT

8:30 Cycling from Spain (pt) 9:00 International Motor Sports Magazine 10:00 Car Racing: GT series, Belgium (pt) 11:00 Car Racing: Formula 1 Portuguese Grand Prix - live (pt) 13:30 Adventure Sports 15:00 Cycling from Spain 16:30 Mountain Bikes 17:00 Motorcycling from France (pt) 18:00 Car Racing: Formula 1 Portuguese Grand Prix - the race (pt) 19:30 Truck Racing 20:00 Motor Sports Magazine 22:00 Truck Racing 23:00 Eurogolf 00:30 Eurogolf 1:00 Cycling from Spain (pt)

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# Report: Nazis stashed art in Switzerland

### Jewish-owned treasures valued at \$23b. likely wound up with dealers

LONDON (Reuters) - Looted art treasures stolen from Jews and now worth up to 15 billion pounds (\$23b.) were sent by Nazi Germany to Switzerland for safekeeping during World War II, the Daily Telegraph reported yesterday.

Declassified official British and US records in archives in London and Washington showed that many paintings, plundered from Jews in France, the Benelux countries and Eastern Europe, entered Switzerland in German diplomatic bags.

The newspaper said other art works were lodged in Swiss freports and those uncollected after the war would have become the property of the Swiss government.

Only a small number of paintings had been located and it was suspected that a substantial proportion fell into the hands of Swiss dealers, the Telegraph said.

British and US officials had repeatedly asked Swiss authorities for information about the hoarded valuables when the war ended in 1945. But the official papers revealed bitter complaints about Swiss reluctance to investigate looted art or seize stolen goods.

From Swiss import records, it appeared that thousands of paintings arrived in Switzerland. But by the end of 1945, only 75 had been rounded up in a combined operation by Britain, the US and France.

The Telegraph's report came only days after the Swiss govern-

ment, under pressure from Jewish groups and from Britain and the US, agreed to investigate reports that stolen Nazi gold worth up to four billion pounds at today's value had been sent from Germany to Switzerland during the war.

The Telegraph said the value of German holdings in Switzerland of property, currency, stocks, bonds, jewelry and private accounts was put at between 1.77b. and 3.5b. Swiss francs in 1945.

This would work out at between 15.5b. and 65.3b. pounds at today's prices, depending on how the interest was calculated.

The paper said a US State Department official had in 1945 estimated the value of looted paintings at between 100 million and 350m. Swiss francs. At today's prices, that would represent between 3b. and 15b. pounds.

The Telegraph quoted British opposition Labour Party member of parliament Greville Janner, a prominent member of the Jewish community, as saying:

"I am convinced an Aladdin's cave of art stolen by the Nazis was stashed away in Switzerland. A lot was probably smuggled out to other countries by escaping Nazi war criminals."

He called for an intensive search by Swiss authorities and banks, and the other countries where the loot may have gone, to establish the whereabouts of all the stolen assets.

# Banker says Swiss reacted late on Holocaust accounts

BASEL, Switzerland (Reuters) - Swiss banks could have moved earlier to settle whether they still hold accounts left by Jewish victims of the Holocaust, the head of the Swiss Bankers' Association said on Friday.

In New York, the World Jewish Congress said Thursday that tons of gold looted by the Nazis - some of it possibly taken from Holocaust victims' false teeth - are stored in the central banks of the United States and Britain.

Bankers' president George Krayer said a thorough effort was now going on under the supervision of an international Swiss-Jewish commission and urged critics to await the results. Krayer, speaking to the association's annual meeting, also branded a recent wave of international criticism of Switzerland over Jewish accounts and Nazi gold purchases as "polemics."

"One could have addressed this earlier," Krayer said of the whole issue of Switzerland's wartime financial role, including the question of lost Holocaust accounts.

Krayer acknowledged that Swiss banks had been indifferent over the years to queries from heirs of Holocaust victims who believed Swiss accounts had been left

behind but had little or no paper-work to prove it.

Recently declassified federal documents show that 6 tons of gold looted by Nazis are stored in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York said in the Bank of England in London, the WJC said. The group's president has written to the two countries asking that the gold be returned to Holocaust survivors.

"At this point we cannot verify whether this report is true or not," said Rich Mills, spokesman for the Senate Banking Committee, which is gathering information on Swiss banks, where larger caches of Nazi gold are believed to be stored.

Elan Steinberg, a WJC spokesman, said the declassified documents from the US State Department showed there were 2 tons of Nazi gold in New York and 4 tons in London.

He estimated that the gold in New York was worth about \$28 million and the gold in London about \$56m.

"This is gold the Nazis plundered - whether from the central banks of Europe, the personal possessions of their victims or indeed from the gold teeth fillings of death camp victims, we don't know," he said. "We know it's stolen gold."

# Temple Mount fracas highlights Jordanian-PA tension at site

BILL HUTMAN

JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN Authority tensions over control of Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem were ignited again on Friday, when pro-PA youths damaged two plaques at the site praising Jordan's King Hussein, and exchanged blows with Waqf guards.

Seven persons were injured in the fight at the end of noon prayers on Friday, the largest prayer session of the week, according to a police spokeswoman. Two of the

Palestinian youths who allegedly damaged the plaques were detained yesterday by police, the spokeswoman said.

The plaques, which praised King Hussein for renovating the Dome of the Rock and proclaimed Jordanian control over the site, were destroyed for the first time only several months ago by Palestinian youths who reject the king's

claim, and want PA control there.

According to Palestinian sources, new plaques were put up again about a month ago, near the entrance to the Dome of the Rock, by order of the Jordanian Ministry of the Waqf, which officially oversees the site.

A Waqf guard watches over the plaques virtually at all times the site is open to the public, according to the sources. On Friday,

a gang of youths pushed aside the guard and began destroying the plaques, and then exchanged blows with other guards who rushed to the scene.

Israel until now has largely stayed out of the tug-of-war between Jordan and the PA over the mosques, located on the Temple Mount. Government officials, however, are closely watching recent development, concerned they could flare up to even larger disputes than occurred Friday.

# Mother, daughter remanded for ill father's murder

BELLA Steiman, 48, and her daughter, Ilana, 21, were remanded for 15 days by Beersheba Magistrate's Court Friday for allegedly killing Bella's husband, Yulio, who was suffering from Parkinson's disease.

Yulio Steiman, 53, was found dead Thursday. His wife and daughter were located several hours later and arrested. They confessed to police that they killed him, saying they did it out

of mercy. They said Yulio's condition had deteriorated recently.

On Thursday night, they re-enacted the murder at the apartment for a police video camera. They said that at first Ilana tried to suffocate her father with a pillow. He resisted however, and then Bella forced him to swallow a large quantity of pills. They then left the house and went shopping.

Yulio was found dead on the floor of the room. During the Friday court hear-

ing, they said they had killed him upon his request to put him out of his misery. He had suffered from Parkinson's for seven years.

"We endured great suffering for years," Bella said. "I ask the court for mercy."

Judge Sarah Davrat agreed to the police request to hold the two in the police lock-up so police could finish the investigation and prepare an indictment. She also approved their request for an

autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Police were alerted to the family's home on Thursday afternoon by a neighbor, who said he had found the man's body. Police arrived and found no signs of violence on the body, but suspected he had not died of natural causes.

The fact that the man, who was dependent on his family, was alone in the house led police to suspect that the family had been

involved.

The man's body was transferred to the Abu Kabir Forensics Institute, and police began searching for his family. They were located at few hours later while shopping for the holiday.

At first the two denied any co-connection to the death, but later in the evening confessed. They said they could not stand to see him suffer any longer, and that he had himself asked to die. (11m)

# Weizmann researcher discovers what prevents brain cells from self-repair

### Finding may lead to innovations in nerve-injury treatment

JUDY SIEGEL

A WEIZMANN Institute researcher has found an apparent explanation for the connection between the brain's evolution and the loss of its ability to repair itself.

These findings could lead to a technique for renewing the brain neurons ability to repair themselves after trauma. Such a technique could also allow damaged neurons in mammals' central nervous systems (including the spinal cord) to recover, especially the ability to facilitate movement by the muscles.

The discovery of a way to "reeducate" immune system cells and renew their connection with the brain has just been published in the journal of the American Society for Experimental Biology, *FASEB*. The work was carried out by Prof. Michal Schwartz of the Weizmann neurobiology department, along with Dr. Arye Solomon of Sheba Hospital's eye research institute and Weizmann research students Ori Lazarov-Spiegler and David Hirschberg.

They explained that evolution usually led to important improvements in higher species, but sometimes resulted in the loss of beneficial functions. Lower animals (such as fish) can repair nerves that have been damaged,

while humans and other mammals cannot. When the spinal cord is damaged in creatures higher on the evolutionary scale, they can't be repaired and permanent paralysis may result.

In lower animals, damaged nervous tissues alert the immune system's microphages to remove dead cells and heal wounds. But in higher animals, the body does not call for help. Why this is so has puzzled scientists for many years. Schwartz says mammals have a mechanism that protects the central nervous system from the immune system to protect the stability of new connections of neurons created in the individual by learning and understanding.

"It may be that too much activism by the immune system would destroy these new connections if it identified them. Our research has found, contrary to conventional understanding until now, that the immune system's help is vital for the repair of damaged neurons as well. However, it doesn't reach its destination due to protective mechanisms meant to prevent contact between the immune system and the brain... This is apparently the price mammals pay for their superior

brains."

The Schwartz team found very large amounts of microphages (white blood cells that gobble up invaders or "garbage") in the vicinity of damaged neurons in the central nervous system of fish, and very few in those of higher animals. And those that did exist in mammals had not been "activated" enough to be of use.

In an experiment, they isolated microphage cells and placed them together with damaged neurons in a glass dish. These cells were chemically alerted to the neurons' "cries for help" and then returned in a "highly sensitized state" to the site of the damaged tissues. Schwartz reported that, once "reeducated" these cells helped make the environment conducive to repair and the neurons began to grow and lengthen.

The findings could lead to the development of a physiological method for encouraging damaged neurons to regrow in mammals by getting around the protective mechanism of the immune system. In the future, this could restore movement to damaged spinal cords and brain tissue in mammals, including humans. But, Schwartz concludes, this will require much additional research.

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